

Procedures for Internet Based Recertification Training

Maryland is accepting the completion of specific internet courses that have been approved by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Pesticide Regulation Section, for pesticide recertification credit. To receive credit the certified applicator must satisfy the requirements that have been established for each training provider.

In order to renew a certificate for the upcoming license year a certified applicator must complete a minimum number of Continuing Education Units (CEU's) each year between July 1 and June 30. For a course to count towards recertification training it must be related to pesticide use, pest control, pest identification and biology, integrated pest management, etc. Each one half hour of training is the equivalent of 1 CEU credit. Individuals certified as Private Applicators must obtain a minimum of 4 credits in order to renew their certificates. Applicators certified in Categories 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 must obtain a minimum of 8 credits, while individuals certified in Categories 2, 5 and 6 must obtain 6 credits and those individuals certified in Categories 4 and 11 must obtain 4 credits. The recertification training requirements for those individuals certified in Category 12 (Consultants) will be based off of the categories in which they examined. Similarly, for those individuals certified in Category 10 courses relating to their area of expertise (i.e., agriculture, ornamental plants, aquatic, structural, etc.) can be used to satisfy the required training.

Courses that have been approved for Core credit can be used for satisfying the recertification requirements for any category of certification. Maryland does not require certified applicators to obtain a specific number of credits relating to Core material in order to renew a certificate.

To receive recertification credit, each person must complete the necessary information requested by the course provider. When providing Maryland's certificate number, a certified applicator's unique certificate number is the set of numbers listed on their certificate after the dash. The first set of numbers reflects either the business license number, or permit number of the agency, where the certificate is issued. In addition, the appropriate amount of time, as established by the course provider, must be spent on the course in order to receive credit.

Upon completion of the course print the certificate, or other documentation, from the course sponsor and submit it to MDA in order to update training records. The documentation can be mailed to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section, 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, or FAX it to (410)841-2765. In all cases, the vendor supplies MDA with a monthly electronic listing of applicators, the courses that were completed, and the time spent on each course and test scores.

Note- Maryland will allow the use of approved internet courses only once within a three year period for re-certification credit