

CPESC/CPSWQ Professional Development Requirements

Introduction

Earn PDUs through professional activities and by attending seminars, workshops, meetings, and serving on professional boards and committees. For relevant Continuing Education activities, assign 1 PDU per hour of instruction time.

Professional Development Requirements

Certified professionals (CPESC/CPSWQ) must maintain their certification by ongoing professional development activities such as continuing education courses, information transfer to other certified professionals (CPESC/CPSWQ) and to the public, support of professional organizations and community extension that promotes the profession to the public.

Category A: Continuing Education

The following table shows how to translate Continuing Education activities into PDUs.

Professional Activity	PDUs	Max
CPESC or CPSWQ admission exam, passing grade, new applicant or current registrant (<i>In-Training registrants can use this when full professional status is achieved</i>)	50	50
Presentation, seminar, conference, clinic, workshop, tour, field day, other (as rated*)	1/hr	30
Training workshop sponsored by employer, vendor, university, government extension (or as rated*)	1/hr	30
Continuing education program, CPESC, Inc. approved	1/hr	40
Distance education program, CPESC, Inc. approved, exam challenged	10	40
Short course, CPESC, Inc. approved, exam challenged, 2 CEU/hour,	2/hr	40
Relevant college course (8-12 wk term – campus attendance required)	25	50

When available and appropriate and relevant, use the PDU (or CEU) value assigned by other professional organizations. *Note, PDUs = CEUs x 10.*

Category B: Authorship of Publications, Presentations, Reports, and Courseware

The following table shows how to translate Authoring activities into PDUs.

Professional Activity	PDUs	Max
Presenter at seminar, conference, clinic, workshop, tour, field day	5	20
Report, employer, co-author	2	20
Report, employer, sole author	5	20
Paper, conference proceedings	15	30
Publication, technical journal	15	40
Publication, refereed journal	30	50
Course development, CPESC, Inc. approved	50	50
Publication, chapter or book	50	50

Category C: Professional Organization Activities and Community Extension

The following table shows how to translate Professional and Community Extension activities into PDUs.

Professional Activity	PDUs	Max
Membership IECA and/or SWCS	5/yr	30
Membership, other relevant professional organization, national or local chapter	2/yr	6
Meeting attendance, relevant, professional	1	40
Media interview, source, release	2	10
Community presentation	2	10
Community leadership (conservation) volunteer work, stakeholder group	2	20
Committee member, professional org.	10/yr	30
Elected executive, professional org.	20/yr	50
Executive committee member, (e.g., standards, ethics, exams, discipline, certification) professional organization	20/yr	50

Category D: Other Professional Activities

The following table shows how to translate Other Professional activities into PDUs.

Professional Activity	PDUs	Max
Editor, conference proceedings	20	20
Editor/reviewer, scientific publication, book, course, funding application	10	30
Expert witness before a court of law, regulatory board or panel	10	30
Instructor, training workshop	20	40
Instructor, technical school	40	40
Professor, university, college	40	40
Member of a regulatory board or panel	40	40
Award of professional excellence	TBA	60
Submitted and approved activity*	10	20

* Other professional activities not listed could be recognized as maintaining professional practice or public awareness of professionalism in the practice of erosion and sediment control or storm water quality. Submit a description of the activity for review by the CPESC Council Peer Review Committee.

Council Interpretation Guide for Professional Development Units

PDU Activity	Interpretation
<p>Category A CPESC or CPSWQ admission exam, passing grade from new applicant or current registrant</p>	<p>A passing grade on the admission exam demonstrates the professional competence of an applicant and also, by extension, of a current registrant.</p> <p>The admission exam option is available to current registrants who may not be able to earn PDUs by normal methods. For example: extended, remote, work assignment maternity leave incapacitation for medical reasons</p> <p>By allowing a current registrant to earn PDUs through the admission exam, the CPESC Council is then not automatically required to expel a registrant who has not earned enough PDUs for re-certification by common options.</p> <p>The CPESC Council may direct a registrant to take the admission exam in the event there is a (1) dispute over a re-certification report or (2) question of a registrant's general professional competence. Failure by the registrant to pass the exam or to follow the directive are grounds for expulsion.</p> <p>The CPESC Council may waive re-certification requirements for a reporting period(s) for compassionate reasons.</p>
<p>Category A Continuing education program, CPESC, Inc. Approved</p>	<p>This professional activity category applies to continuing education courses such as those offered by IECA and agencies such as USDA. The courses are evaluated as "CPESC Approved" by the Peer Review Committee on the basis of in-class inspection, student feedback or curriculum review.</p>
<p>Category A Distance education, CPESC, Inc. Approved, exam challenged</p>	<p>This category applies to courses that are self-directed or distance tutored by phone, video or web. The CPESC Council must be able to clearly evaluate the PDU value of the course by the competency of the exam.</p>
<p>Category C Meeting, professional organization</p>	<p>PDUs are offered for attending the meetings of CPESC or other related professional organizations. Attending meetings under Category C is different from attending seminars and presentations under Category A.</p>
<p>Category D Award of professional excellence</p>	<p>This category applies to a registrant who has been honored with an award of excellence by IECA, SWCS, government agency or reputable international organization that is at arm's length (registrant is not employed by or an officer of). The unspecified number of PDUs and the maximum of 60 PDUs awarded to this category are to ensure that a registrant honored by an award is not expelled because re-certification requirements have not been met. An award of excellence based on a review by peers demonstrates competence and further requirements for re-certification are not necessary. The CPESC Council may wish to apply this category for re-certifying and thus honoring a registrant who has retired.</p>