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Tennessee Commercial Applicator
Recertification Point System

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**Recertification Points:**
Certified Commercial pesticide applicators must accumulate a certain number of points over a period of five years to become recertified. The next deadline for everyone to be recertified is October 21, 2002. Points are prorated for those certified on or after April 21, 2000. Those certified after April 21, 2001 will be certified until 2007. Points to be earned for this certification period are as follows:

**POINT REQUIREMENTS, WHEN CERTIFIED:**

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**Additional Requirements:**
1. It is recommended that applications (E&PP Info #82) for points be submitted 45 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting, if possible. (You should write and request a copy of the latest revision.) However, if circumstances prevent an early submission, the meeting will still be evaluated for point assignment. A list of dates and locations for the year should be included on the application for repeated meetings.

2. Point assignment is based on 1 point per hour on certification-related topics.

3. You may earn no more than 75 percent of your points in one certification period from any one meeting.

4. In-house points will be limited to 3/4 of your point requirement.

5. The sponsor must agree to permit representatives from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) and/or The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service (UTAES) to attend training sessions without registration fees or other costs.

6. After a TDA and/or UTAES designated representative(s) has monitored a training session and consultation between agencies has occurred, the training and point assignment may be re-evaluated. The agencies may withdraw approval of certification credit or revise the point assignment, as deemed necessary.

7. The sponsor must agree, if requested, to have each person requesting credit to evaluate the course presentation by completing a brief questionnaire or some other designated method and must furnish these to TDA or UTAES as requested.

**Assignment of Points:**
Training requirements have been established to meet federal and state guidelines. Programs will be reviewed and points assigned by Dr. Gene Burgess, the pesticide coordinator, (UTAES, Entomology and Plant Pathology) and Mrs. Kathy Haynie, the certification supervisor in the
Environmental Control Section (TDA). Dr. Burgess will be primarily responsible for assigning points for programs of educational institutions and Mrs. Haynie primarily for industry. Recertification points will be allowed only for an update on approved topics in your category related to pests, pest control, pesticides, pesticide safety, environmental issues (water quality, endangered species, etc.) and pesticide laws and regulations. Safety, environmental issues, and laws and regulations apply to all categories.

Educational institutions mail application to:
Dr. Gene Burgess
University of Tennessee
PO Box 1071/218 PSB
Knoxville, TN 37901-1071

Industry mail applications to:
Mrs. Kathy Haynie
Tennessee Department of Agriculture
PO Box 40627, Melrose Station
Nashville, TN 37204

The program may be printed on the application. Points will not be assigned to individual videos, but the hourly agenda should be submitted for points. This information should include a program which has the date(s), location(s) of meeting, title of program, list of topics, speakers (with their titles) and length of each topic. Sponsors may be asked to provide biographical information on instructors or other program participants. Sponsors should send this information only upon request.

Verification of Attendance:
Send a roster to TDA with verification that those listed attended the whole meeting. The roster should include the name, home address and Social Security number of those people seeking points. The same meeting title, date(s) of meeting and location(s) entered on the application should be on the roster that is sent to TDA.

Mail the roster to:
Mrs. Kathy Haynie
(see previous address)

For additional information, contact Dr. Gene Burgess at 423/974-7138 or Mrs. Kathy Haynie or Mr. Knox Wright at 615/360-0130.
It is each individual’s responsibility to seek out and attend schools or meetings where he/she may earn points. A partial list of schools is available from Dr. Burgess’ office.

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