

## Tennessee Commercial Applicator Recertification Point System

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### Recertification Points:

Certified commercial pesticide applicators must accumulate a certain number of points during the three-year certification cycle. Requirements may differ depending on the year you entered into the certification cycle or the category in which you are certified. The next three-year certification cycle ends June 30, 2020, and the following three-year cycle ends June 30, 2023.

Points to be earned for this certification period are as follows:

### Additional Information:

1. It is recommended that applications (E&PP Info #82) for points be submitted 30 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. (If needed you may contact the UT Pesticide Safety Education Program, PSEP, and request a copy of the latest form.) A list of dates and locations for the year should be included on the application for repeated meetings.
2. Point assignments are based on 1 point per hour covering certification-related topics. Recertification points will be allowed only for 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.
3. Points may not be accrued prior to obtaining certification.
4. In-house points are limited to 50 percent of your total point requirement during the recertification cycle, including online programs and electronic formats.
5. No points may be carried over from one recertification period to the next.
6. You may earn **no more than 75 percent** of your point total by attending any one external meeting.
7. All points cannot be accrued in one year, unless certified within the third year of the certification cycle.
8. The sponsor must agree to permit representatives from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) and/or University of Tennessee Extension to attend training sessions without registration fees or costs to evaluate the program for points.
9. After a designated representative(s) from TDA and/or Extension 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.
10. 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 Extension as requested.
11. Rosters must be submitted to TDA within 30 days after training, or applicators are subject to a reduction in points or losing points for that meeting.
12. If the number of points required by TDA are not accrued each year, a recertification exam will be required the third year.

### **Assignment of Points:**

Training requirements have been established to meet federal and state guidelines. Programs will be reviewed and points assigned by the pesticide coordinator or a designee at the UT Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology and someone in the Pesticide Certification and Licensing Section at the TDA.

UT will be primarily responsible for assigning points for programs of educational institutions and TDA primarily for industry.

**Educational Institutions — Mail applications to:**  
UT Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)  
2505 E. J. Chapman Drive, 370 PBB  
Knoxville, TN 37996-4560

**Industry — Mail applications to:**  
TDA Certification & Licensing Section  
P.O. Box 40627, Porter Building  
Nashville, TN 37204

The program may be printed on the application or a program may be attached to the application. The hourly agenda should be submitted for point evaluation. This information should include a program that 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 attendance roster(s) to TDA with verification that those listed to whom points were assigned attended the entire session(s). The roster should include the name, home address, home county, email address and TDA-assigned certification number of the attendee. The roster should also contain the school number or title of the meeting, date(s) of the meeting and location(s), and chairperson's name entered on the application, which should be listed on all rosters sent to TDA.

**Mail the roster to:**  
TDA Certification & Licensing Section  
P.O. Box 40627, Porter Building  
Nashville, TN 37204

For additional information, contact UT at 865-974-1286 or TDA at 615-837-5148.

It is each individual's responsibility to seek out and attend schools or meetings where he/she may earn points. One should also keep a record of meetings attended and the telephone number of the person in charge. A partial list of schools is available from the UT PSEP office or at [psep.utk.edu](http://psep.utk.edu). It is also published in TDA's Registration Review newsletter

To look up the number of points one has you may visit TDA's website to see if schools and charter status was approved at [agriculture.tn.gov/default.asp](http://agriculture.tn.gov/default.asp).

Click on "Commercial Applicator Points" or "Charter Companies" for additional information.

### **Commercial Applicator Certification Categories:**

- 1 — Agricultural Pest Control\*
- 2 — Forest Pest Control
- 3 — Ornamental and Turf Pest Control\*
- 4 — Seed Treatment
- 5 — Aquatic Pest Control
- 6 — Right-of-Way Control
- 7 — Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health (General Household and Structural Pests)
- 8 — Public Health Pest Control
- 10 — Demonstration, Research and Regulatory\*
- 11 — Wood Preservation Pest Control
- 12 — Pesticide Dealer
- 13 — Antifouling Marine Paint
- 14 — Microbial Pest Control
- 15 — Worker Protection Standards (Must be certified as a Private or in another Commercial Applicator category to take this exam.)
- 16 — Sewer Line Chemical Weed Control
- LHA — Limited Herbicide Applicator

\*Individuals with valid certification in categories 1, 3, 10 or Private Applicator Certification are automatically certified in category 15, Worker Protection Standards.

<b>LICENSING CATEGORIES AND CORRESPONDING COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES</b>			
WDO	Wood Destroying Organisms	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health
GRC	General Pest and Rodent Control	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health
WEC	Weed Control — Right-of-Way and Industrial	Cat. 6	Right-of-Way
APC	Aquatic Pest Control	Cat. 5	Aquatic Pest Control
FUS	Fumigation — Agricultural	Cat. 1	Agricultural Pest Control
FUM	Fumigation — Structural	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health
PHMC	Public Health Mosquito Control	Cat. 7, 8	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health — Public Health
BDC	Bird Control	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health
AGE	Agriculture — Ground Equipment	Cat. 1	Agricultural Pest Control
HLT	Horticulture — Lawn and Turf	Cat. 3	Ornamental and Turf
HRI	Horticulture — Interior	Cat. 3	Ornamental and Turf
PCC	Pest Control Consultant	Cat. 10	Demonstration, Research and Regulatory
SPC	Special Category	Cat. 1-16	Category depends on special situation
AER	Aerial	Cat. 1, 2, 5, 6	Required category is dependent on area of treatment Agriculture, Forest, Aquatic, or Right-of-Way Pest Control
WPC	Wood Preservatives	Cat. 11	Wood Preservation Pest Control
MPC	Microbial Pest Control	Cat. 14	Microbial Pest Control
MRC	Mold Remediation	Cat. 7 or 14	Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health, or Microbial Pest Control



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