

# 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 certification cycle to maintain certification in the following 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, 2026, and the following three-year cycle ends June 30, 2029.

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

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. Excluding category 7, in-house points are limited to 50 percent of your total point requirement during the recertification cycle, including online programs and electronic formats. Category 7 requires 14 external points during the three-year cycle.
5. No points may be carried from one certification cycle to the next cycle.
6. You may earn no more than 75 percent of your point total by attending any one 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 during the cycle, individuals will be required retest to maintain valid certification.

## Assignment of Points:

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

TDA will be primarily assigning points for programs for industry and the PSEP Program be primarily responsible for assigning points for programs for educational institution events / functions.

### Industry — Mail applications to:

TDA Certification & Licensing Section  
P.O. Box 40627, Porter Building  
Nashville, TN 37204

### Educational Institutions — Mail applications to:

UT Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)  
2505 E. J. Chapman Drive, 370 PBB  
Knoxville, TN 37996-4560

The program information may be printed on the application or a program agenda 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, category of certification), 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. Presenters must have certification in the category topic in which credit is being provided.

## 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 also should 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 rosters 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 also should keep a record of meetings attended and the telephone number of the person in charge of the meeting event. A partial list of schools is available from TDA's office at 615-837-5148 or the UT PSEP office.

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
- 9 - Limited Herbicide Applicator (LHA)
- 10 — Demonstration, Research and Regulatory
- 11 — Wood Preservation Pest Control
- 12 — Pesticide Dealer
- 13 — Antifouling Marine Paint
- 14 — Microbial Pest Control
- 16 — Sewer Line Chemical Weed Control

## LICENSING CATEGORIES AND CORRESPONDING COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES

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

## POINTS NEEDED FOR CERTIFICATION TO ROLLOVER INTO NEW CERTIFICATION CYCLE

Certification Category	Number of Points Required		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
7*	21	14	7
1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12	18	12	6
2, 4, 5,	12	8	4
11, 13, 14, 16	9	6	3

\*Category 7, requires that a minimum of 14 points will need to be externally obtained throughout the entire three-year cycle. However, if certified in year 2 of the cycle then only 10 of the 14 point requirement would need to be external points. If certification was obtained in year 3 of the cycle then 5 points of the 7 point requirement would need to be obtained externally.



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