

# 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 three years to become recertified. The next deadline for everyone to be recertified is October 21, 2005.

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. (You should write 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 assignment is based on 1 point per hour on 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% of your total point requirement, including on-line programs, CDs and DVDs..
5. No points may be carried over from one recertification period to the next.
6. You may earn no more than 75% of your point total by attending any one external meetings.
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 The University of Tennessee Extension Service (UTES) to attend training sessions without registration fees or costs to evaluate the program for points.

9. After a TDA and/or UTES 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.
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 UTES 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 Dept. of Entomology and Plant Pathology and someone in the 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)  
2431 Joe Johnson Drive, 205 PSB  
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 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 entire session(s) that was assigned points. The roster should include the name, home address, the home county and their e-mail address. 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:**

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

For additional information, contact UT at 865/974-7138 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 <http://eppserver.ag.utk.edu/psep/psep.htm>

TDA web site to look up points, schools and charter status is <http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/regulate/> **click on Ag Inputs & Pesticides; click Online Pesticide Systems; click on Commercial Applicator Point Standings.**

**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 Control
- 10 -- Demonstration, Research and Regulatory
- 11 -- Wood Preservatives
- 12 -- Dealer
- 13 -- Antifouling 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

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**LICENSING CATEGORIES and corresponding COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES**

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WDO	Wood Destroying Organisms	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health (General Household and Structural Pests)
GRC	General Pest & Rodent Control	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health
WEC	Weed Control	Cat. 6	Right-Of-Way
AQW	Aquatic Weed	Cat. 5	Aquatic Pest Control
FUA	Fumigation -- Agricultural	Cat. 1	Agricultural Pest Control
FUS	Fumigation -- Structural	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health (General Household and Structural Pests)
PHM	Public Health Mosquito Control	Cat. 7,8	Category depends upon Mosquito Control treatment situation
BDC	Bird Control	Cat. 7	Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health (General Household and Structural Pests)
AGE	Agriculture -- Ground Equipment	Cat. 1	Agricultural Pest Control
HLT	Horticulture -- Lawn & 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	Agricultural Pest Control
		Cat. 2	Forest Pest Control
		Cat 5	Aquatic Pest Control
		Cat 6	Right-of-Way Pest Control

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## POINT REQUIREMENTS

All certifications will expire on October 21, 2005 if the required number of points are not accrued. If the required points are not accrued the third year, one will need to take the recertification exam.

The number of points one must accumulate by October 21, 2005 are as follows:

Categories	Certified prior to Oct. 21, 2005 & before Oct. 21, 2006	Certified on or after Oct 21, 2006 & before Oct 21, 2007	Certified on or after Oct. 21 2007 & before April 21, 2008	Certified on or after Apr. 21, 2008
<b>C1</b>	18 pts	12 pts	6 pts	0
<b>C2</b>	12 pts	8 pts	4 pts	0
<b>C3</b>	18 pts	12 pts	6 pts	0
<b>C4</b>	12 pts	8 pts	4 pts	0
<b>C5</b>	12 pts	8 pts	4 pts	0
<b>C6</b>	18 pts	12 pts	6 pts	0
<b>C7</b>	30 pts	20 pts	10 pts	0
<b>C8</b>	18 pts	12 pts	6 ptsf	0
<b>C10</b>	18 pts	12 pts	6 pts	0
<b>C11</b>	9 pts	6 pts	3 pts	0
<b>C12</b>	30 pts	20 pts	10 pts	0
<b>C13</b>	9 pts	6 pts	3 pts	0
<b>C 14</b>	9 pts	6 pts	3 pts	0
<b>C16</b>	9 ptsf	6 pts	3 pts	0

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 family and consumer sciences, and resource development.  
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 and county governments cooperating.  
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