

02 NCAC 09L .0522 RECERTIFICATION OPTIONS

(a) Pesticide applicators, public operators, and pest control consultants may be recertified by completion of approved continuing certification credit requirements in the pest control category in which the individual is certified and desires to retain certification. A "continuing certification credit" is defined as one hour of approved continuing certification training. Continuing certification training shall be approved by the Board based upon the US Environmental Protection Agency "Standards for certification of commercial applicators," as contained in 40 CFR 171.103, and "Standards for recertification of certified applicators," as contained in 40 CFR 171.107. Such training may consist of grower meetings, seminars, short courses, or other presentations taught by extension pesticide personnel, or other privately or publicly sponsored training organizations approved by the Board. Continuing certification requirements for each pest control category are as follows:

- (1) aquatic 6 credits per 5-year period
- (2) public health 6 credits per 5-year period
- (3) forest 6 credits per 5-year period
- (4) right-of-way 4 credits per 5-year period
- (5) regulatory 6 credits per 5-year period
- (6) ag pest-animal 6 credits per 5-year period
- (7) ornamental and turf 10 credits per 5-year period
- (8) seed treatment 3 credits per 5-year period
- (9) ag pest-plant 10 credits per 5-year period
- (10) demonstration and research 10 credits per 5-year period

The continuing certification credits required for demonstration and research may consist of any combination of credits divided between training in the primary categories set forth in Subparagraph (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this Rule and training in demonstration and research.

- (11) aerial 4 credits per 2-year period

The Continuing Certification Credits required for aerial applicators shall include one credit obtained through training in aerial methods.

- (12) wood treatment 4 credits per 5-year period
- (13) soil and growing media fumigation 3 credits per 5-year period

The Continuing Certification Credits established for each ground application pest control category shall be obtained in at least two years of the five-year period.

(b) Pesticide applicators, public operators, and pest control consultants may be recertified by passing a written comprehensive examination administered by North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services personnel and based on training materials that have been approved by the Board.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-437(1); 143-440(b); 143-453(c)(2); 143-455(d);
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