**Recertification Facts**

Individuals holding a WSIP Certification must recertify every two years. In order to renew your certifications, you must show that you have kept current in the industry by earning 24 continuing education units (CEUs) every two (2) years. These credits are earned through education and service CEU’s and a performance requirement. Approved activities include but are not limited to: attending seminars, workshops, conferences, or events; volunteering as a test judge, or leader/industry expert on committees and boards, and/or teaching. In addition, you are required to perform and complete five (5) WSIP Assessments in the Region of Peel, York Region or the City of Hamilton every two years. You will be required to report the required CEUs and proof of performance (WSIP Assessments) earned and completed during the two-year cycle to maintain the active status of your certification.

Recertification is a major component of a strong certification program and is considered a best practice across the certification industry. Certified individuals will be able to submit CEUs earned in any of the **education** and service areas during the two-year cycle. WSIP Assessments can be completed in the Region of Peel and/or York Region during the two-year period.

The WSIP Recertification Requirements Record Sheet provides a record to support you in tracking your CEUs. Please keep a copy of the **WSIP Recertification Requirements Record Sheet** to maintain up to date records of CEU’s accumulated fromeducation and service opportunities completed during your recertification cycle.

**What qualifies as a Continuing Education Unit?**

There are specifically defined categories of Education and Service activities that will qualify for CEUs. Presenting, guest speaking, writing and reading books and study manuals can also count towards CEUs.

**What program/events have been approved for CEUs?**

In addition to the education and service opportunities that are specifically mentioned in the WSIP Recertification Requirements Record Sheet, certification individuals may request pre-approval of other educational or training programs. A list of pre-approved programs is listed below. Refer to this list to plan your professional development and recertification. If you are interested in a program that does not appear on this list, you may request a pre-approval review by submitting information to Landscape Ontario. Meeting sponsors and seminar organizers may also request pre-approval of their programs of WSIP recertification CEUs.

**Which Events, Trade Shows/Conferences and Seminars Qualify as CEUs?**

**Trade Shows & Conferences:**

* IIABC's Convention & Tradeshow:
  + <https://www.irrigationbc.com/>
* Irrigation Show:
  + <http://www.irrigation.org/2018show>
* Congress Conference Events:
  + <http://locongress.com/>
* Irrigation Conference:
  + <http://www.horttrades.com/irrigation-conference-2019>

**Education & Seminars:**

* Landscape Ontario Seminars:
* Irrigation topics:
  + - <http://www.horttrades.com/seminars/topic/irrigation>
  + Business/Professional Development topics:
    - <http://www.horttrades.com/seminars/topic/business-professional-development-prosperity-partners>
  + Certification Prep Seminars:
    - <http://www.horttrades.com/seminars/topic/landscape-industry-certified---clt-clp-cld>
* IA Education Classes:
  + <https://irrigation.org/IA/Education/IA/Education/Education.aspx?hkey=c30cfe59-660b-4c9c-8309-71886ddca135>
* Canadian Prairie Chapter of the IA:
* <http://cpcia.ca/>
* Vanden Bussche Irrigation Online Training:
  + <https://vandenbussche.com/turf/training-portal>

**Which Irrigation Industry Certifications Qualify as CEUs?**

* **Irrigation Association (IA):**
* [Certified Irrigation Technician (CIT)](https://www.irrigation.org/IA/Certification/Landscape-Certifications/CIT/IA/Certification/CIT.aspx)
* [Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA)](http://www.irrigation.org/clia/)
* [Certified Golf Irrigation Auditor (CGIA)](http://www.irrigation.org/cgia/)
* [Certified Irrigation Contractor (CIC)](http://www.irrigation.org/cic/)
* [Certified Irrigation Designer - Landscape (CID-Landscape)](https://www.irrigation.org/IA/Certification/Landscape-Certifications/CID/IA/Certification/CID.aspx)
* [Certified Landscape Water Manager (CLWM)](https://www.irrigation.org/IA/Certification/Landscape-Certifications/CLWM/IA/Certification/CLWM.aspx)
* **Irrigation Industry Association of British Columbia**:
* [Certified Irrigation Scheduler](https://www.irrigationbc.com/page/certified-irrigation-scheduler) (CIS)

**Which Volunteer Programs Qualify for CEUs?**

Irrigation Sector Group:

* Visit <http://www.horttrades.com/sector/irrigation>
* Or contact: [kpugliese@landscapeontario.com](mailto:kpugliese@landscapeontario.com)

Upcoming Landscape Industry Certification Technician Irrigation Test Days:

* Volunteer as a judge for lateral Repair and Head Adjustment or Program Control Hands-on test stations: <http://canadanursery.com/>

**What if an education or service activity is not listed above?**

Please contact [wsip@landscapeontario.com](mailto:wsip@landscapeontario.com) to gain WSIP Certification Committee pre-approval if other/additional education or service opportunities are available. Please send a full description of the event/activity, program title, dates, location and learning outcomes and subject matter. Landscape Ontario will respond via email and if approval is granted, will indicate the number of CEU’s. A copy of that email permission must accompany the WSIP Recertification Requirements Record Sheet submission.

**How do WSIP individuals record and report their CEUs for the WSIP Program?**

Once a certified individual enters the recertification cycle, they should begin tracking the CEUs they’ve earned with the WSIP Recertification Requirements Record Sheet. We suggest that you keep the Record Sheet up-to-date with the qualifying CEUs you’re earning during the recertification cycle and create a file where you keep the supporting documentation for each CEU activity you attend over the two-year cycle.

**How do WSIP’s record and report the five required WSIP Assessments for the Performance requirement?**

Once the certified individual enters the recertification cycle, they should begin tracking the WSIP Assessments completed. Copies of the assessment report, with an executive Summary Report must be provided for each location as proof of performance.