

CPSP Certification Maintenance FAQs

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Q: If your company has a corporate membership to a relevant organization, does this count the same as an individual one?

A: Yes, but the organization must identify you as an active participant in its activities.

Q: Does an organization like AFIRM count? More broadly, what is considered a qualifying organization for membership credit?

A: AFIRM is acceptable; more information is provided in Section 2 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide.

Q: If you are on multiple ASTM subcommittees or multiple ISO/IEC US TAGs, do you count only once or all of them?

A; You may count more than one, up to a limit of 10 points per recertification cycle (so long as participation remains active).

Q: Section 3.4/3.5-If you attend a national conference such as ACC Responsible care, what does that count?

A: Relevant Information is provided in section 5 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide; ACC Responsible Care does count.

Q: If you teach a relevant class, does that count (excluding persons for whom teaching is a normal job responsibility who would get credit for working in the field); what about consultants teaching clients?

A: See Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide.

Q: Can recertification credits be claimed for older work before guidance is issued?

A: Yes - applicants may choose any contiguous five-year period before expiration of their certification.

Q: Section 4 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide-presentations: Does the credit differential for organizing a panel, moderating, panel member, or sole speaker make sense in light of the differing amount of work involved?

A: Yes - this has been revised-see section 4 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide.

Q: Do pet products count as a consumer product activity?

A: Yes, so long as the role has a significant product safety element.

Q: Do environmental webinars, etc. count for credit?

A: Possibly, but only if there is a significant product safety nexus; pure sustainability or environmental programs are not eligible.

Q: How many patents per recertification cycle can be claimed?

A: Maximum nine points per five-year recertification cycle; patents must be safety related.

Q: Do other related certifications (e.g., ASQ CQE, CRE, CQT, CQI, CQM, Six-Sigma belt, etc.) count?

A: They can be counted for initial certification only; recertification does not count. CPSCS board must approve in advance the specific certification being considered for credit to be granted.

Q: For one-hour webinars, do you get 1/6 the credit of that given for a seminar of minimum six hours?

A: See Guidance in Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide.

Q: Do CLE credits count here too?

A: Yes-see section 6 of Chapter 14 of the Certification Maintenance Guide.

Q: Are there limits on how many points one can accrue in any one category per year or per five-year recertification cycle?

A: Yes-see guidance.