

Lapsed Pesticide Advisors (PAs) & rules for their readmission to the DAFM Register of PAs

Background: DAFM-registered PAs are required to achieve either a minimum of 100 IASIS CPE credits (or equivalent) over the previous calendar year or an average of 100 IASIS credits per annum over the previous two calendar years, in order to remain on the register.

Rules: Where a PA fails to meet this requirement, the following rules will be applied by DAFM:

1. Where the lapsed PA had previously not completed the (discontinued) IASIS Crop Protection course, the BASIS (UK) Certificate in Crop Protection, the UCD Dip in IPM and the Sustainable Use of Pesticides, or equivalent, he/she must embark on such formal training before being readmitted to the DAFM register of PAs.

This applies to any such lapse, irrespective of the length of the lapsed period. Normal CPE rules will then apply, once readmitted to the register.

2. Where the lapsed PA does hold one of the qualifications referred to (point 1), provisional readmission to the DAFM register will be granted for a year, conditional on his/her achieving 200 IASIS CPE credits during that year. Normal CPE rules will resume in the second year.

If the application for readmission is made before 15 April, the PA will remain on the register for that (current) year and must achieve 200 CPE credits before the end of that year.

If the application for readmission is made after 15 April, the applicant will not be readmitted until the following January and he/she will be de-listed during the interim period. He/she must then achieve 200 CPE credits in the year of his/her readmission. Normal CPE rules will resume in the second year.

PAs may not provide pesticide advice while removed from the register.

3. A first time applicant, applying within 2 full years of relevant qualification, can be admitted to the register in the normal way i.e. requiring 100 CPE credits per year. Where more than 2 years has elapsed since qualifying, the applicant will be admitted to the register subject to him/her achieving 200 credits in year 1. Normal CPE rules will resume in the second year.

Examples:

1. If, at the end of 2015, a PA without the required qualifications finds him/herself not eligible to be retained on the Register, he/she must embark upon and complete the required formal training, before being re-admitted to the register and may not provide pesticide advice until re-admitted.
2. If, at the end of 2015, a PA with the required qualifications finds him/herself not eligible to be retained on the Register, he/she can apply

(PesticideRegisters@agriculture.gov.ie) to re-join the register. If the application is made prior to 15th April 2016, he/she will remain on the register for 2016 but **must** achieve 200 credits during 2016.

However, if the application to re-join the register is made **after** 15th April 2016, the applicant will be removed from the 2016 register and will not be re-admitted to the register until January 2017 **and** the applicant MUST achieve 200 credits in 2017.

During 2016 any such former PA cannot provide pesticide advice.

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