Irish Agricultural Supply Industry Standards

IASIS Continuous Professional Education (CPE) for Pest Management Trained Professional Users

Why Join the IASIS CPE Scheme for Trained Professional Users?

- All Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM) registered Pest Management Trained Professional Users (PMUs), as part of their contract with DAFM, must have the required number of approved CPE Credits. The IASIS CPE Scheme for PMUs is an DAFM approved CPE Scheme.

- The IASIS Scheme is a local CPE scheme tailored to the requirements of Irish legislation and local Pest Management Industry needs.

- The IASIS Website 'Members Area' provides a convenient method of tracking your CPE credits throughout the year. IASIS submits the list of CPE records to DAFM annually for IASIS members.

- The IASIS CPE Scheme for PMUs is cost effective.

- Required annual CPE credits can be obtained in less than a day.

What is IASIS: IASIS is a not for profit company established to raise standards in the storage, distribution and use of pesticides (plant protection products, rodenticides, insecticides etc.). It is managed by a Board elected by its members which include the three pest management industry representative organisations – IPCA, BPCA and NPTA - as members. IASIS is a QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland) registered course provider and a LANTRA registered course provider.

What is CPE: CPE is a continuous process by which registered pest management users maintain and develop the skills, knowledge and competencies they had at time of registration and that are relevant to their professional work. Through participation in an approved CPE Scheme, Trained Professional Users are kept abreast of new technical developments, of research and monitoring results and of changes in regulatory requirements for the industry.

How does the IASIS CPE Scheme work: IASIS allocates credits to particular events and courses in accordance with rules approved by DAFM. IASIS tracks the credits earned by each individual member and provides a report annually to DAFM. Individuals who have accumulated the required number of credits retain registration as a PMU.

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What are the main features of the IASIS CPE Scheme for PMUs:

1. The required number of annual credits is 50 and can be obtained in less than a day.

2. If a sufficient number of credits are not earned in a particular year, the deficit can be made up in the following year.

3. Each individual is responsible for signing the attendance sheet at events or courses that attract IASIS CPE credits.

4. Membership costs €35 per annum – there are no hidden or other charges.

5. Membership fees can be paid on-line via the IASIS website **www.IASIS.ie**

How are IASIS CPE Credits allocated:

1. A minimum for 40 credits must be obtained in topics relating to an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to pest management, in mentoring of candidates for registration as a PMU and in other relevant topics.

2. The balance (10 credits) can be obtained through attendance at relevant demonstrations, though home study or through reading trade magazines.

3. The IASIS CPE Credit Allocation Table for PMUs is provided hereunder.

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IASIS 2018 CPE CREDIT ALLOCATION TABLE
FOR PEST MANAGEMENT TRAINED PROFESSIONAL USERS (PMUs)

Courses and Events/ Conferences *	Credit Allocation	Required / Permitted Credits
All topics relating to IPM and best practice in vertebrate and invertebrate pest management and to the responsible use of rodenticides as reflected in the CRRU Ireland Best Practice Requirements for Rodent Control and Safe Use of Rodenticides (i.e. selection and application of pest management measures based upon an integrated pest management approach; risk assessment, risk reduction; environmental protection; human and animal safety; transport; storage; record keeping and legislation).	5 A credits / 30 minutes	**Minimum** of 40 / year of which 20 must be in Rodent Pest Management.
Mentoring of candidates for DAFM registration (as the candidate fulfils their requirement to achieve registration as a PMU).	10 A credits / student **but** maximum 20A credits/annum	
General pest management courses (includes economic analysis, business planning and strategy, technological developments, and new products).	3.5 A credits / 30 minutes	
Other relevant meetings, events, demonstration not covered in any of above relevant to the work of a PMU (CPE credits allowed on a case by case basis).	3.5 A credits / 30 minutes **but** Max 7 A credits / year	
Shows and demonstrations & other events relevant to the work of a pest management trained professional user (PMU).	3.5 C credits / half day	**Maximum** of 7 /year
Home Study **(a)** Membership of relevant technical or professional organizations.	2 C credits / organization / year	**Maximum** of 8 / year
(b) Specific or **subscription based** focused publications relevant to pest management [e.g. Pest Magazine, PestXpert, Pest Solutions, etc.].	2.5 C credits / series	**Maximum** of 10 / year
(c) In receipt of technical material deemed credit worthy by IASIS for which you are on a registered contact list.	5 C Credits / list	**Maximum** of 10 / year
Minimum Credits Required for PMUs = 50 credits <u>but</u> with a minimum of 40 A credits / year		

* Credits are not granted for discussion periods

What events or courses can I attend to obtain required credits:

1. Many Pest Control Companies run in-house training events that will allow their pest control officers (PCOs) to obtain the required number of credits.

2. Arrangements are being made to hold events on a regional basis that will attract required CPE credits and that will be available to all PMUs who are members of the IASIS CPE Scheme. Those events will be run on a cost-recovery basis.

How to join the IASIS CPE Scheme for PMUs

To join the IASIS CPE Scheme for PMUs please go to the IASIS website:
www.iasis.ie and click **JOIN IASIS** tab on the home page.

Full details of the PMU CPE Scheme are available at:
http://www.iasis.ie/PestControl/PMUTrainedProUser.aspx

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