

## **Lapsed and First time applicant Pesticide Advisors (PAs)/Pesticide Advisors – Grassland only (PA(G)s) & rules for their (re)-admission to the DAFM Register of PAs/PA(G)s**

**Background:** DAFM-registered PAs/PA(G)s 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/PA(G) fails to meet this requirement, the following rules will be applied by DAFM:

1. In the case of a PA, where s/he had previously not completed the UCD Dip in IPM and the Sustainable Use of Pesticides, the BASIS (UK) Certificate in Crop Protection, the (discontinued) IASIS Crop Protection course, or equivalent, s/he 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/PA(G) does hold one of the DAFM-recognised courses (see point 1 above for PAs and, in the case of PA(G)s, this refers to the Teagasc PA (Grassland) IPM course), provisional readmission to the DAFM register may be granted for a year, conditional on his/her achieving 200 IASIS CPE credits during that year. In all cases, normal CPE rules will resume in the following year.

In this regard, three potential scenarios may occur:

- a) If the application for provisional readmission is made **before** 15 April, the PA/PA(G) will remain on the register for that (current) year but must achieve 200 CPE credits before the end of that year to allow their name to remain on the DAFM approved list of Pesticide Advisors/Pesticide Advisors (Grassland) for the following year.
- b) If the application for provisional readmission is made **after** 15 April, the applicant will not be eligible to be readmitted until the following January and s/he will be de-listed in the interim period. S/he must achieve 200 CPE credits by the end of that year to allow his/her readmission the following year.
- c) Where the lapsed PA/PA(G) does not achieve the required 200 CPE credits, as laid out above in a) and b), then (regardless of whether the application for provisional readmission was received before 15<sup>th</sup> April or not), s/he will be removed (or remain delisted) from the DAFM approved list of Pesticide Advisors/Pesticide Advisors (Grassland) for the following year and will not be considered for readmission until such time as s/he has met the readmission CPE requirements (i.e. 200 CPE credits in the year preceding his/her readmission).

**PAs/PA(G)s must not provide pesticide advice while removed from the register.**

3. A first time applicant, applying within 2 full years of a relevant qualification, can be admitted to the register in the normal way. 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 of registration. Normal CPE rules will resume in the second year.

## Examples:

1. **31 December 2017:** If a PA who does not have the required qualifications finds him/herself not eligible to be retained on the Register due to insufficient credits in 2016/2017, he/she must embark upon and complete the required formal training, before being re-admitted to the register and **must not provide pesticide advice until re-admitted.**
2. **31 December 2017:** If a PA/PA(G), who has the required qualifications, lapses due to insufficient credits in 2016/2017, s/he may (provisionally) remain on the register for 2018 if application for readmission is made to [PesticideRegisters@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:PesticideRegisters@agriculture.gov.ie) before 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. If application for readmission is made after 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018, her/his name is removed from the register for 2018.

Whether provisionally readmitted to the register or not in 2018, the PA/PA(G) must achieve 200 CPE credits by 31 December 2018 in order to remain on/be readmitted to the register for 2019.

3. **31 December 2017:** If a PA/PA(G), who was deemed to have lapsed on 31 December 2016, has not achieved the required 200 CPE credits during 2017, s/he will remain off or be removed from the DAFM approved list of Pesticide Advisors/Pesticide Advisors (Grassland) for 2018 and will not be considered for readmission until such time as s/he has met the following conditions: achieve 200 CPE credits in the year preceding application for readmission (e.g. 200 CPE credits must be achieved during 2018 for readmission in January 2019, in this case).

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