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## **CPE Lapsed & First-time applicant Pesticide Advisors (PAs) or Advisors Grassland only (PAGs) - Rules for readmission to the DAFM Register of PAs or PAGs**

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

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

1. In the case of a PA, where s/he does not hold a [recognised qualification](#) or equivalent, s/he must embark on such formal training before being readmitted to the DAFM register of PAs.
2. Where the lapsed PA/PAG holds one of the [recognised qualifications](#) or equivalent, 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.

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.

In this regard, three potential scenarios may occur:

- a) If the appeal application for provisional readmission is made **before or on** 28 calendar days from the date of receipt for revocation, the PA/PAG 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 PAs/PAGs for the following year.
- b) If the appeal application for provisional readmission is made **after** 28 calendar days from the date of receipt for revocation, 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/PAG does not achieve the required 200 CPE credits, as laid out above in a) and b), then (regardless of whether the appeal application for provisional readmission was received **before or after** the 28 days), s/he will be removed from the DAFM approved list of PAs/PAGs 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).

3. A first-time applicant, applying within two full years of a [recognised qualification](#), can be admitted to the register in the normal way. Where more than two years has elapsed since qualifying, the applicant will be admitted to the register subject to him/her achieving 200 credits in year one of registration. Normal CPE rules will resume in the second year.

**PAs/PAGs must not provide pesticide advice while removed (or remain delisted) from the register.**

**ENDs**

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