



PAC Points Description: *Continuing Education Credit System for Recertification of Pesticide Applicator Certificates*

Renewal Requirements

- a) Initially, a grower must write and pass an exam to obtain the first five-year certification. (For more information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/pesticides-pest-management/certification-on-training/write-the-exam#PAC>).
 - b) At the expiry of the initial five-year certificate, the grower may renew in two ways: by writing the exam or by redeeming *Pesticide Applicators Certification continuing education credits* (also called *PAC points*) obtained in the previous 5 years.
 - c) A maximum of 12 months elapsed time is allowed between the *expiry of a certificate* and the *renewal of the certificate using PAC points*. For example, if a grower's PAC certificate expires on March 15, 2022, then the grower will have up until March 15, 2023 to obtain adequate PAC points.
 - d) Growers always have the opportunity to renew by writing an exam.
 - e) PAC points expire after 5 years.
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How to find out about courses that provide PAC credits

There are several ways to obtain PAC points. Examples of continuing education events at which PAC points may be earned:

- a) **Okanagan Horticultural Advisors Group field days and information sessions.**
 - b) **Tree Fruit Production Guide Sessions** (March)
 - c) **Sprayer calibration by a third party** (contact a horticultural advisory or equipment dealer).
 - d) **WCB Level 1 First Aid or higher.**
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PAC Categories

A total of 20 PAC points are required for renewal, with a minimum of 3 PAC points in each of three categories (see the attached appendix for detailed information). Each hour of continuing education time is equivalent to 1 PAC point.

To obtain PAC points, growers attend courses and sign an attendance sheet. When writing in your name on the attendance sheet, make sure to provide your PAC license number to ensure credit for the course is assigned properly. Some points are also awarded for first aid or sprayer calibration certificates, with evidence of completion provided directly to the BCFGA.



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Certificate Renewal time

The expiry date is located on the PAC wallet certificate. The expiry date is also recorded in the PAC points database maintained by the BCFGA.

Growers may contact the BC Fruit Growers Association (BCFGA) for a record of PAC points or the expiry date of their PAC certificate, at info@bcfga.com.

At renewal time, a grower should first confirm that adequate PAC points have been achieved for renewal. The grower may review a recent individual PAC points summary, or contact the BCFGA at info@bcfga.com. If the grower decides to proceed with renewal, there are two fees: a government certificate fee (\$25) and a BCFGA administration fee.

For the government renewal fee, a \$25 cheque is made out to “Minister of Finance” for \$25 for the renewal fee, *and this cheque is delivered to the BCFGA*.

The administration fee is \$100 for a renewal and is levied according to the status of BCFGA membership. If a grower is not a member of the BCFGA, a \$100 administration fee is paid to the BCFGA at the time of renewal. For BCFGA members, the administration fee is fully credited at time of renewal and there is no net administration fee payable by BCFGA members.

If the BCFGA does not have a record of a grower’s PAC certificate number, we cannot enter the grower’s points. For growers who sign into continuing education events without providing a PAC certificate number, the BCFGA will strive to contact the grower in order to maintain complete records.

For further information:

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Appendix: Information on the Three Categories of PAC Points

★ **Categories A – Safety and Legislation**

- pesticide labels and label comprehension
- pesticide and environmental legislation
- toxicity
- emergency response (first aid, spills, fires)
- protective clothing and equipment
- effects of pesticides on the environment
- safe procedures for storage, mixing, transport
- application, clean-up, disposal
- WCB Level 1 First Aid or higher (maximum 1 credits per grower per renewal) or respiratory training

★ **Categories B – Application Technology**

- equipment selection
- proper equipment set-up, use and maintenance
- equipment calibration and pesticide use calculations
- pesticide products and factors affecting their use and performance
- sprayer calibration by third party (maximum 2 credits for airblast sprayer and 2 credits for weed sprayer per grower per renewal)

★ **Categories C – Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

- monitoring methods
 - action and injury levels
 - management methods, including pesticide alternative and decision making
 - evaluation of results
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