

FAQs – Implementation of CPE Credit System

What is the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit system?

The CPE system is based a standard of measure used worldwide to calculate continuing professional development. One credit equals one instructional hour (at least 50 minutes of instruction). Beginning in 2008, the new ASIS recertification program will use this for all eligible activities.

Is this change going to be a tedious process and how can I translate my current credits?

Your current credits will be converted for you. The ASIS confidential database system already stores all recertification credit information and is set up to handle the transition process from start to finish. For credits earned in 2005, 2006 and 2007 you only need to submit your recertification activities as you normally do and the rest will be taken care of by certification staff.

What are the benefits of making of making this change?

The CPE method is clear and more precise than the current unit of measure and credits will not vary from year to year. This should ease the process of recertification overall. Another plus is the CPE unit of measure is used widely by a variety of credentialing bodies, including ISC2, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and Information Systems Audit & Control Association, to name a few. This enhances our certificants' ability to easily record activities for use in multiple systems.

Will recertification terms change as well?

Only the PSP. All recertification programs will now have the same three-year recertification term. This streamlining is a major benefit to those who have multiple certifications and helps lessen the uncertainty as to renewal dates for their certification programs.

Do I need to submit a separate recertification form for my CPP, PSP or PCI recertification?

Yes, this process has not changed. If you hold more than one ASIS certification, you will need to submit recertification credits separately for each. This is true even if some or all of your activities qualify for credit under more than one certification. The information database at ASIS HQ is currently unable to enter one activity in more than one record; however a major redesign is just beginning and we will add a feature to enable single activity entries for multiple certifications.

How many CPE credits are needed per term for each designation?

Each designation will require the following CPE credits: 60 for CPP, 45 for PSP and PCI. This does **not** add additional requirements. Rather, the new credit schedule translates approximately one ASIS educational credit to approximately four CPE credits. This may not be readily apparent because there were several parity issues in the former guide that have been corrected in this new system.

Are there new forms for recertification submission and how will I manage all these new procedures?

It's important to remember that the change is **only** in the method of calculation for credits. Activities and the various options for earning recertification credits are the same.

When will the new credit guides be implemented and where can I find them?

Use of the new credit guides will begin on **January 1, 2008**. The guides are under the ASIS certification section of the website in two locations: the Recertification page and the Announcements page

If I am in my lapse year (did not recertify by due date of December 31, 2006), what should I do?

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