

Annual ESD Recertification & Training Course

At the end of each year, ADA Environmental Services Division (ESD) management and inspection staff, in cooperation with the Agricultural Consultation & Training Division, hold Recertification & Training Courses across the state. Typical venue locations would be Safford, Maricopa, and Yuma.

Specific Department of Agriculture certifications and licenses require the current applicator or license holder to obtain a specified number of Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) throughout the year in order to be eligible to renew their license without retesting. CEU's are normally obtained during the year by attending relevant, approved courses, workshops, and training sessions, held in different locations across the state. At the end of each year there are always a limited number of individuals currently holding certifications / licenses, that for one reason or another, have not obtained the minimum number of credits renewal. Since the required CEU credits must be obtained before December 31, ESD provides an Annual Recertification and Training Course as an end of the year opportunity to obtain six (6) CEUs by attending a full day of training comprised of two three (3) CEU half-day sessions. The following categories are eligible to attend these training sessions:

- **Pesticide Control Advisor (PCA)** - Requires a total of 15 CEUs per year for certification renewal.
- **Commercial Applicator Certification (PUC)** - Requires a total of 6 CEUs per year for certification renewal.
- **Private Applicator Certification (PUP)** - Requires a total of 3 CEUs per year for certification renewal.
- **Private Applicator Fumigation Certification** - Requires a total of 6 CEUs per year for certification renewal. One CEU must be specifically on fumigation.



Major subject areas covered during the training sessions:

- Worker Protection Standard (WPS): Personal protective equipment, Central Posting location, Pesticide safety training, Decontamination supplies.
- Ground Water / Best Management Practices (BMP).
- Case reviews.
- ADA Top Compliance issues / Top Worker Protection and Safety issues.
- Recordkeeping requirements.
- Fumigation training.
- Professionalism
- Labels
- Bees – labels, protection, communication
- Miscellaneous pesticide educational training exercises.
- Question and answer session.



Course attendance varies by location but has at a minimum 15 to 30 participants and a maximum of about 90. The morning sessions always have more attendees.