

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Recertification Program Contacts

RE: Applicators Earning Credits in Recertification Block Ending December 31, 2018

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This year (2018) marks the last year in the current recertification block for Commercial/Noncommercial pesticide applicators in South Carolina. Because of a regulatory change that went into effect during this recertification block, applicators who earned zero (0) credits by December 31, 2017 will not be allowed to renew their licenses in 2019 unless they take the SC Recertification Examination between June 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. This is the only option available to them in 2018. If these applicators choose not to take the Recertification Exam before December 31, 2018, they will be required to take the Core Exam and appropriate Category exams beginning in January of 2019.

Any courses or trainings that are completed by pesticide applicators with zero credits on or after January 1, 2018 will not be accepted by the Department of Pesticide Regulation for credit assignment. When giving trainings or courses to Commercial or Noncommercial pesticide applicators in 2018, it will be important to announce this prior to the training so that persons who cannot earn credits from these trainings will know this in advance.

For those sponsoring electronic trainings, please note this change in the online advertisement for all trainings intended for Commercial/Noncommercial applicators with SC licenses.