



Become a Certified Practising Agriculturist (CPAg)



CPAg is a public demonstration by professionals in agri-industry that they are expanding their knowledge across industry networks throughout their professional career. Engaging a CPAg employee, contractor or consultant will give employers a professional who has achieved the rigorous Professional Standards established by the AIAST and The New Zealand Institute of Agricultural & Horticultural Science Inc (NZIAHS) and has made a positive commitment to keeping up-to-date with new technology and industry developments.

If you completed 50 or more hours of eligible activities between 1 January and 31 December 2014 and are a Full member of NZIAHS you are eligible for CPAg certification.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Activities eligible for Continuing Professional Development are those which contribute to the extension of professional agriculturists' skills and knowledge. Activities which are part of normal work and constitute the output of the applicant are ineligible as are 'in-house' conferences (unless an external deliverer of information is involved). Activities where participation is because of the perceived expert knowledge of the participant are also ineligible (see below).

Examples of eligible activities are:-

- Short courses
- Workshops
- Postgraduate Diplomas
- Seminars
- Doctorates
- Field Days
- Conferences
- Self Study when it is given formal recognition
- Field/Study Tours
- Leadership programs
- Masters
- Reading (maximum of 5 hours)

Examples of ineligible activities are:-

- Lecturing
- Lecture Tours
- Work Experience
- Editing and Refereeing
- Organising activities (e.g. conferences, workshops)
- Policy Reviews
- Job Rotations within an Organisation
- Supervision of Students
- Committee Work
- Media Work
- Assessment Panels
- Report Writing

TIME ALLOCATED FOR EACH ACTIVITY

The time claimed for each activity should reflect the time spent actively involved in acquiring skills or knowledge. Unless programmes are presented showing long days, or the conference organisers have already negotiated eligible time in advance, conferences will be given 6 hours a day. Examples are:-

Conferences: 6 hours per day **Field Tour:** 6 hours per day **Job exchange:** 8 hours per day

JUSTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

Please add as much detail as possible to enable verification of the validity of the activity claimed for. The Assessment Panel will request verification of activities when there is uncertainty as to the eligibility of the activity.

ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL APPLICATIONS

Applicants will be permitted to average activities undertaken over a period of two consecutive years by carrying a maximum 50 excess hours forward to the second year.

Please complete this form and send to:- NZIAHS Secretariat, P.O. Box 121-063, Henderson, Auckland 0650

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