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TO: Pesticide Applicators

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REGARDING: Continuing Education Units

On February 11, 2021, the Department issued a notice to licensed applicators outlining the new requirements regarding Continuing Education Units ("CEUs"). The notice stated that an applicator could obtain all CEUs online/virtually but no more than half of the CEUs could be obtained through an "On-Demand" type of training. An "On Demand" training is an online training that the applicator can take at any time but does not have any live interaction. This new policy was to go into effect immediately.

The Department has heard from several stakeholders that this may be difficult for some applicators to obtain given the timing of the policy change. Therefore, the Department will delay the policy during the 2021 year audit cycle. If an individual's three-year cycle ends in 2021, the Department will accept CEUs submissions that have more than half of the CEUs obtained through an "On-Demand" Training. **Please note that beginning in 2022 the new policy will be in full effect.**

Three Year Cycle Ending 2021

License Type	# of CEUs Required	# of On-Line/Virtual Trainings Allowed	# of On Demand Trainings Allowed
Core	6	6	6
Dealer	3	3	3
Commercial Certification	12 per category	12 per category	12 per category
Private Certification	12 per category	12 per category	12 per category

Three Year Cycle Ending 2022 and beyond

License Type	# of CEUs Required	# of On-Line/Virtual Trainings Allowed	# of On Demand Trainings Allowed
Core	6	6	3
Dealer	3	3	1.5
Commercial Certification	12 per category	12 per category	6 per category
Private Certification	12 per category	12 per category	6 per category

To view the policy change please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/online-ceu-policy/download>

To find out if your three-year cycle ends this year please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/list-of-specific-individuals-with-audits-due-in-2021/download>