

Then and Now, 2009 Changes to CAPFT CCP Program

The college has recently had a few inquiries from members asking about claiming reading and workplace learning as done in previous years. Here is more detail from your CC Director Pat Gallupe, RPFT.

The updating of the program was based on both feedback from the 2008 AGM and the formal audits conducted in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. A full review was completed by the Continuing Competence Committee, approved by council and presented at the 2009 AGM. The mandate was to tweak the program and make it:

- ❖ Realistic – requirements could be met by all members while still ensuring continual learning
- ❖ Demographically Friendly – recognize that as members progress through their careers they contribute / learn in different ways
- ❖ Biggest Return for \$ - Now more than ever due to economic times
- ❖ “Fluff Free” – everything can be auditable

The improvements reduced the total hours required from 150 to 75 and reduced the hours required in Category 1 from 60 to 45 for the 3 year periods. For Category 2 and 3 you are now allowed to report more hours than the old program and then a ratio is applied.

Below is a summary of the updates:

Field trips within Category 1 are now reportable based on participation, where in the previous program it was based on a ratio if the hours of field instruction could not be determined.

For Category 2, Area 1 you now record your actual participation hours for attending meetings related to providing direction or problem solving at a regional / landscape level for the profession of forestry. This includes natural resource association workgroups, task forces, advisory boards and AGMs. In the old program you were allowed to claim 1 hour per meeting.

In Category 2, Area 2 you record your actual attendance for tradeshow and field tours, these were not applicable under the old program.

Category 2, Area 3 were not part of the old program but was added for mentoring new forestry professionals who are enrolled in CAPFT's Forest Technologist in Training (FTT) program. Actual hours spent mentoring can be recorded.

Category 3, Area 1 you now record your actual time to develop and present the material. In the old program a formula was used to figure out the amount of hours that were claimable based on if the material was new, developed by you or another individual and if it was the first time it was presented that year.

With **Category 3, Area 2** you now record the actual time to prepare, write and publish your work. With the old program you were able to just claim a certain amount of hours.

The hours that are reportable in **Category 3, Area 3** are now based on participation within those offices and committees. In the previous program there was capped amount of hours that could be claimed.

In **Category 3, Area 4** the actual hours for manning a booth at a trade fair or a public meeting are reportable, were as the previous program you only claimed 1 hour for this activity.

Please note that the deadline to have your Practice Permit and Continuing Competence Reporting Form to the college is November 30th. You can also utilize our newly released management system at www.capft.ca to enter your competence hours.