

2013 Launch of Enhanced Recertification Program



Q) Why did LPF change the recertification program?

A) The LPF seeks to continuously strengthen our programs to achieve a thriving, growing retail loss prevention industry. Therefore, in the summer of 2012 we did an extensive review of our recertification program. As a result of customer feedback, benchmarking, and certification experts we've launched an improved program that can face future challenges and growth.

Q) What are the major differences between the old recertification program and this enhanced one?

A) Please view our description information at the end of this document that details the significant changes.

Q) Where do I start to learn more?

A) We recommend that you start familiarizing yourself with our enhanced program, by scanning through the first six links found on our main [Recertification](#) page (About Recertification thru Certification Lapse). Another good way to get familiar with the changes is to download our [Recertification Handbook](#) found on our forms page and read about the program off-line at your convenience.

Q) Who is qualified to take advantage of the below 2013 recertification transition measures?

A) Only LPCertified professionals who passed their exam **prior** to 1/1/2013 are allowed to use the below measures.

Q) What is this 2013 transition year about?

A) As the LPF has significantly changed the recertification program, it will take some time to get into 'full' swing. 2013 is a year of transition easing into our changed program. We will all be challenged to learn the new processes, forms, requirements, and auditing measures.

Q) What about the work I have already done towards recertification with regards to the past requirements and continuing education units (CEUs)?

A) We couldn't be us without you and education is never in vain. Continuous education is a mark of a leader. We sincerely appreciate all your hard work, efforts, and growth. However, you will find that our changed program is nearly a fresh start for all LPCertified certificants who collect educational units for recertification.

Q) How many CEUs do I submit this 2013 transition year on the [CEU Accomplishment Submittal](#) form?

If Your CEU Submittal Deadline falls on:	2013 Transition CEUs Due
Jan. 31, Feb. 28, or March 31	0
April 30, May 31, or June 30	5
July 31, August 31, or Sept. 30	10

Oct. 31, Nov. 30, or Dec. 31	15
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Q) How many CEUs should I have submitted by the time I need to recertify? I know that this **one-time** transition has lessened the overall total of 60 CEUs that is expected with this new system of 20 per year, CEU submittal requirement.

Exam Year	Recertification Renewal Due	Required CEU Amts	Accum. CEUs
2010	Jan. 31, Feb. 28, or March 31 2013	0	0
2010	April 30, May 31, or June 30 2013	5	5
2010	July 31, August 31, or Sept. 30 2013	10	10
2010	Oct. 31, Nov. 30, or Dec. 31 2013	15	15
2011	Jan. 31, Feb. 28, or March 31 2014	0+20	20
2011	April 30, May 31, or June 30 2014	5+20	25
2011	July 31, August 31, or Sept. 30 2014	10+20	30
2011	Oct. 31, Nov. 30, or Dec. 31 2014	15+20	35
2012	Jan. 31, Feb. 28, or March 31 2015	0+20+20	40
2012	April 30, May 31, or June 30 2015	5+20+20	45
2012	July 31, August 31, or Sept. 30 2015	10+20+20	50
2012	Oct. 31, Nov. 30, or Dec. 31 2015	15+20+20	55

Q) Do I need to fill out and submit a **CEU Accomplishment Submittal** form even if I am not required to submit any CEUs (my CEU submittal deadline is Feb 28th 2013)?

A) No. There is no point in submitting an empty form.

Q) My recertification cycle end date is in the transition year of 2013. How do I handle recertifying by continuing education units?

A) If you plan to recertify with continuing education units (CEUs), you will need to do two things on or before your recertification cycle end date; 1) fill out and submit the **CEU Recertification Application** form along with the applicable processing fee. 2) fill out and submit the **CEU Accomplishment Submittal** form with the required "2013 Transition CEUs" on or before the CEU submittal deadline (which will be the same date as the 2013 recertification cycle end date).

Q) Can I use the older CEUs that I earned in prior years?

A) During this transition year, older CEUs will be accepted. However, the LPF will frown on submitting older educational CEUs in 2014 and on. We are striving to grow the concept of 'habitual', yearly, continuing education. A practice of self-educating keeps one's career relevant and fresh.

Q) I plan to recertify by exam. My recertification cycle end date is in the transition year of 2013. Is there any difference to that process in this transition year?

A) No. The process of recertifying by **exam** remains unchanged. All you need to do is pay, schedule, and pass the exam on or before your recertification cycle end date.

Q) My recertification cycle end date is in 2014, one year past the transitional year of 2013. How will CEU recertification renewal work in August 30, 2014?

A) Recertification will work much the same. This August 30th, 2013 you will need to submit the "2013 Transition" 10 CEUs on the **CEU Accomplishment Submittal** form. Then before your recertify August 30th 2014 you will need to have earned and submitted the required, yearly 20 CEUs also using the **CEU Accomplishment Submittal** form. In total, 30 CEUs will be submitted prior to recertification. Last and finally, on or before August 30th, 2014 you will also need to submit your **Recertification Application** form along with any applicable fees.

Q) Since 2013 is a transitional year, does that mean the CEUs I claim on my CEU Accomplishment Submittal form will not be audited?

A) Good question, but no. The LPF also needs this year of transition to work out its own new processes. We will be auditing a set percentage of randomly selected CEU Accomplishment Submittal forms. However, as it is a transitional year for all of us, this first audit will be more flexible than ones in the future.

Description Information

11/03/2012 - Loss Prevention Foundation publishes new recertification web pages describing the enhanced, recertification program that will be fully and publicly launched starting January 1, 2013. This past June, the LPF initiated an extensive review of its recertification program to strengthen and enhance it for growth.

The extensive review yielded several, new and significant changes to the program. Due to nature of these changes, there are transitional measures in place for all LPC certificants who passed their exam **prior** to 1/1/2013. Please read below for more details.

Our Top Recertification Changes:

1. We formalized a **code of ethics** for our certificants.
2. We renovated our **Continuing Education Unit (CEU)** opportunities by reducing restrictions, adding more categories, and aligning their value(s) with other industry programs.
3. We initiated a **Provider Program**.
4. We added a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) **audit process**.
5. We changed it so that instead of **all** certificants sending in **CEU proof** to the LPF, only a few certificants need send in proof after being randomly selected for the CEU audit.
6. We initiated **forms** for important interactions between the certificant and the LPF (e.g. when recertifying).
7. We changed it so that instead of every certificant having a uniquely dated recertification cycle (exam date + three years) the **recertification cycle dates are standardized** (1st of the month following exam date + three years).
8. We changed it so that instead of submitting 60 CEUs at the end of three years, certificants now **submit 20 CEUs** every year. If the CEUs are not submitted, the certificant can recertify by exam on the third year or pay a CEU late submittal fee of \$30.
9. We established a 30 day grace period on CEU and recertification submittal dates as well as initiating a **Certification Lapse** process.
10. We established 2013 as a year of transition to ease into the program changes, maintain goodwill, and to reduce interruptions. The transitional measures of 2013 will impact all LPCertified certificants who passed their exam prior to 1/1/2013. Visit our **Recertification Transition** page to learn the transitional requirements for qualified LPCertified certificants.

More Change Coming:

Please note that there will be an additional stage to our LPC Recertification Readiness

Program. Our next stage will be with regards to automating the program to make it easier for the certificant.

Not only will automated, on-line forms (e.g. for CEU submittal) or automated on-line credit card fee transactions save the certificant time, but having individual personal accounts will give the certificant immediate answers to questions such as "How many CEUs do I have?" , "When is my recertification application due?" or "What is my email on file?".