

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

As we all should be aware, to maintain certifications within the IMSA we must earn CEC points. CEC points are not earned from hours worked but from additional training and knowledge received directly related to the discipline you are certified in.

Points to remember:

- A certification is totally separate from your membership which gets paid annually. However, an issue may arise in that, if your membership dues are not paid your certifications may not be renewed even though you have enough CEC points.
- A certification in any discipline is good for three years and then must be renewed. Within those 3 years, 64 CEC points must be earned in order for it to automatically renew.
- If you hold more than one discipline 64 points will be required for each discipline. For example, if you are certified in Traffic Signals and Signs and Pavement markings you would need 64 points in each discipline.
- 1 hour of training is equal to 4 CEC points. So, over the 3 years you need 16 hours of some type of training to attain the needed 64 points.
- You are allowed 4 hours of training (16 CEC points) that is **safety related**. Some examples of safety training are First Aid, MSDS, Bucket truck use or evacuation, TCP training, equipment training, work area and shop safety talks, confined space training, safety harness review, defibrillator training etc.
- If related to multiple disciplines safety training can be used to rectify in multiple disciplines. For example, bucket truck training, first aid and safety harness training could all be used to rectify in both Traffic Signals and Street Lighting.
- The remaining 48 points need to be attained through other methods directly related to the particular field of discipline. Some examples might be webinars, informal in-house training or discussions, trade shows, demonstrations or training from distributors or vendors on products or equipment, new equipment training or a review of procedures for equipment already in service, review of maintenance procedures or policies related to your area of work, and additional coursing or training related to the discipline you are re-certifying in.
- Record all training in your log in the event there is an issue getting it entered or approved.
- CEC points are now entered online through the IMAS International web site by the member and there you can see a record of your CEC points earned as well. Your IMSA number is your log in and use whatever password you have set up. If you have not set up a password contact the International.
- Enter your CEC points under your profile on the web site.
- Check the web site occasionally and compare it to your log to ensure everything has been approved.