

March 30, 2020

NOTICE TO ALBERTA APPLICATORS

Alberta Environment and Parks is working closely with Lakeland College in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of many conferences and meetings being cancelled, we wish to provide opportunities to applicators to continue to obtain Recertification Credits to renew their Alberta Pesticide Certificates. **Until further notice, there will be no restriction on the number of archive credits an applicator can obtain** (i.e. archived credits will be considered the same as live credits). As always, a maximum of 10 credits are allowed to be accepted for recertification during one calendar year.

Professional Development Solutions, which is an online webinar company based in Alberta, has decided to add two more live weeks to their schedule this spring. All webinars during these two additional weeks will be "ALL CLASSES" which means regardless of your type of license or the amount of licenses, you will receive credits. Please visit www.pdsolutions.ca for the updated schedule and additional information.

Additionally, Vesperis (previously Univar) offers credits online, which can be found www.PestWeb.ca/ProTraining.


As more opportunities come up, they will be posted on our website:
<https://www.alberta.ca/using-pesticides-applicator-recertification.aspx>

Further to this, due to the recent closure of many of our proctor locations, we are in a position where **we must suspend all future exams for the time being**. This is a temporary action. Once these institutions re-open or other suitable options become available, we have plans in place to issue bulk exams and have the capacity to test larger numbers of people when the time comes. Should you wish to be put on a contact list to schedule an exam, please email Lakeland College – Pesticides at pesticides@lakelandcollege.ca to be placed on the notification list.

We need to think creatively and adapt our program to meet these extraordinary times. As a result, we will **extend certificates that expire prior to early next year to March 31, 2021** of all valid applicators, Lakeland College has sent out extension certificates the week of March 30, 2020 for Applicators with further information.

We are committed to serving the pesticide applicators of Alberta, while maintaining safety as a priority and will continue to update existing and potential applicators as required.

Sincerely,



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