

CEU Categories

Irrigation Association Qualifying Continuing Education Units (Beginning Jan. 1, 2024)

All certified professionals must submit 20 continuing education units per two-year cycle to remain in good standing.

A minimum of five Tier 1 CEUs per cycle must be related to sustainable irrigation and/or water-efficient concepts in the field of irrigation.

IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATIONS	
Cap	No cap (maximum) on the number of CEUs per year earned in this category
Qualifying activity	20 CEUs earned for becoming a CID
	10 CEUs earned for additional CID specialties
	10 CEUs earned for becoming a CIC, CIT, CLIA, CGIA, CAIS
Training definition	Does not apply to first certification earned
IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ROLES	
Cap	A maximum of 10 CEUs per cycle can be earned in this category. CEUs in this category are earned at the rate of 1 CEU per hour of attendance.
Qualifying activity	Serving as a board member on an IA affiliate local or state irrigation association
	Serving as a board member or chair/vice chair of a committee with the Irrigation Association
	Serving as a noncompensated member of a state irrigation licensing board or committee
	Advisory board member of an irrigation-focused entity for landscape, agriculture, sustainable/environmental organization
IRRIGATION EDUCATIONAL CONTENT DEVELOPER	
Cap	No cap (maximum) on the number of CEUs per year earned in this category CEUs in this category are earned at the rate of 2 CEUs per article/book chapter/session and 1 CEU per newsletter or in-house publication.
Qualifying activity	2 CEUs for writing reference material or irrigation books
	2 CEUs for presenting irrigation-related technical papers
	2 CEUs for writing articles for an irrigation publication
	1 CEU for writing an irrigation-focused newsletter
	1 CEU for writing an in-house irrigation-focused publication
IRRIGATION TRAINING - TIER 1	
Cap	No cap (maximum) on the number of CEUs per year earned in this category CEUs in this category are earned at the rate of 1 CEU per hour of attendance.
Qualifying activity	Attending in-person or online/virtual irrigation educational or brand-specific courses, webinars, trainings or seminars
	Teaching irrigation education or brand-specific courses or seminars
Training definition	Irrigation educational courses and seminars are typically sponsored by, but are not limited to, trade associations, educational institutions, IA-licensed providers, professional irrigation instructors, manufacturers or distributors.
	Subject matter within this tier is directly related to irrigation and can be brand specific.
	Examples of acceptable courses include irrigation scheduling, irrigation hydraulics, irrigation installation, or product application scheduling and maintenance.
IRRIGATION TRAINING - TIER 2	
Cap	A maximum of 5 CEUs per cycle may be earned in this category. CEUs in this category are earned at the rate of 0.5 CEU per hour of attendance.

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Qualifying activity	Judging an irrigation competition in person or online/virtual
	Attending in-house irrigation courses or seminars in person or online/virtual
	Teaching in-house irrigation courses or seminars in person or online/virtual
	Irrigation backflow classes and irrigation backflow recertification classes
	Water harvesting classes for irrigation practices
	Proctoring Irrigation Association certification exams as a noncompensated activity
	Designing an irrigation system for a nonprofit entity as a noncompensated activity
	Conducting a field audit for a nonprofit entity as a noncompensated activity
	Installing an irrigation system for a nonprofit entity as a noncompensated activity
Training definition	Water-efficient irrigation, sustainable irrigation and/or other irrigation-specific, in-person or online/virtual courses and seminars offered by an individual's employer.
	Subject matter is directly related to irrigation and can be brand-specific.
IRRIGATION TRAINING - TIER 3	
Cap	A maximum of five CEUs per cycle can be earned in this category.
	CEUs in this category are earned at the rate of 0.25 CEU per hour of attendance.
Qualifying activity	Attending irrigation or green industry trade shows
	Attending or teaching green industry or pesticide/chemigation application in-person or online/virtual irrigation education or brand-specific courses webinars, trainings or seminars
	Attending or teaching business in-person or online/virtual irrigation education or brand-specific courses webinars, trainings or seminars
	Serving as a noncompensated irrigation advocate, consultant or member of a non-irrigation-focused entity, while representing the irrigation industry on a broader scope as the irrigation SME for a state organization, water task force or government task force.
Training definition	Irrigation or green industry trade shows attendance is considered for walking the trade show floor or attending corporate sales meetings. Staffing of an individual's employer or affiliate trade association booth does not qualify.
	Green industry courses and seminars are typically sponsored by, but not limited to, manufacturers, distributors, trade associations, and educational institutions.
	Subject matter is indirectly related to irrigation and can be brand specific .
	Landscape lighting and hardscape classes and seminars do not qualify for IA CEUs.
	Business courses and seminars are typically sponsored by manufacturers, distributors, trade associations, and educational institutions. Subject matter is directly related to irrigation industry business functions .
	Staffing a booth on a trade show floor as a noncompensated individual, representing irrigation interests, typically not for your employer.