



Credentialing Committee Recommendation to the IGC: Recertification Credits September 2, 2016

Background: The Credentialing Committee was commissioned by the IEC to make a recommendation for recertification credits for both Industry & Generalist Certifications that would address IRWA coursework and sponsored events as well as education from third parties, including online programming. The intent is to define the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each area and streamline the process for IRWA members, leaders and staff.

Recommendation: The consensus decision from the committee is to recommend that: **The Recertification process and requirements for Industry & Generalist Certifications should not change for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Beginning July 1, 2017 the following three recertification credit unit allocations will take effect:**

- 1.) IRWA coursework (including ethics) – 24 CEUs - (minimum amount).**
- 2.) IRWA sponsored events (includes annual education conference, approved Chapter/Region Educational events) - (no limit to CEUs)**
- 3.) Outside educational vendors - (24 CEUs maximum).**

The overall SR/WA minimum recertification requirement would remain at 72 CEUs.

Rationale: A minimum of 24 CEUs of IRWA coursework will ensure members are current as new and updated IRWA courses are being created every year. Unlimited CEUs from IRWA sponsored events will add new knowledge for members and encourage member participation in IRWA events and activities at the International, Region and Chapter level. Up to 24 CEUs for outside education vendors will provide personal choice and customization to meet individual member needs and streamline the internal review process for all members and staff. A fair and balanced portfolio of continuing education courses will help members stay on top of the changing right of way landscape.