

## FAQ Document

**Q: When were the Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) Certification changes communicated to members?**

A: August 5th, 2013

**Q: When do the changes go into effect?**

A: New CPP's – August 5th, 2013 – Recertification Applications - December 31, 2013

**Q: Why was the certification cycle condensed from 5 years to 3 years?**

A: Easier time cycle for members to manage.

**Q: What certification plan am I on?**

A: 5 year to 3 year transition timeline:

- Certified Professional in Training (CPIT): Move directly into the 3yr program (1 certification and 3 re-certifications needed for lifetime status)
- New CPP applicants as of Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013: move to the 3yr program (3 re-certifications needed for lifetime)
- CPP members due to recertify in 2013 and beyond: remain in the current 5 year cycle (1 more re-certification for Lifetime)
- Lifetime: No change

**Q: What type of 4-year college degree is required?**

A:

- A Bachelor's of Science degree in packaging related studies

**Q: Why was the "Resume of Activities" revised?**

A:

- Ensure members take a proactive approach to stay involved, continue education, and give back to the industry
- Streamline and consolidate the "Resume of Activities" form to make it easier for members to understand and use
- Provide credit for additional educational activities
- Allow members to rollover points to the following certification cycle

**Q: What are the changes to the "Certification Program"?**

A:

- Transition from 5 year recertification plan to 3 year certification plan
- Lifetime status after 12 years (3 re-certifications) vs. current 10 years (2 re-certifications)
- Ability to carry over 20 Continued Packaging Education credits (CPE) from one certification cycle to the next
- Forty eight (48) hour exam allowance vs. current ninety six (96) hour
- Multiple choice exam is no longer accepted for recertification

**Q: What are the changes to the "Resume of Activities" form?**

A:

- Updated Resume of Activities Form:

- 90 CPE requirement for re-certification
- 45 CPE from Category A, B, D or E
- (36 max from D and E)
- 30 CPE from Category C
- 15 CPE from Category F

New Certification Standards

| <b>Giving Back to the Profession</b> |   |
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| D: Creating Knowledge                | Writing articles or books; Presenting at seminars or webinars |
| E: Volunteer Service                 | Organizations (like IoPP) or community service                |
|                                      | Mentoring, coaching   |
| F: Professional Experience           | Work in the packaging field (5 CPE / yr)                      |

| <b>Education Categories</b>                    |  |
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| A: Courses offered by IoPP and Chartered Units | No Maximum   |
| B: Continuing Education                        | No Maximum   |
|  | (1 Continued Education Unit (CEU) = 10 CPEs)               |
| C: Self Directed Learning                      | 30 CPE limit for program cycle                             |
|  | Activities such as webinars, webisodes, e-learning, etc... |
|  | Being coached or mentored                                  |

**Q: Can I take the multiple choice exam to re-certify?**

A: Members up for recertification in 2013, can re-certify by taking the multiple choice exam. Members that start the re-certification process after 2013 are not eligible to take the multiple choice exam.

**Q: When can members start to carry over CPE (Certified Packaging Education) credits from one recertification cycle to the next?**

Members can carry over up to 20 CPE's submitted for the current certification cycle to be applied to the next certification cycle as long as it is listed on the certification application. The CPE carry over takes effect after August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Q: How do I submit my "Resume of Activities" online?**

A: Members can upload "Resume of Activities" supporting documents by clicking the following link: <http://www.iopp.org/activityupload>