



Statement of Policy on Public Water Supply Matters

Assignment of the Continuing Education Unit and Professional Development Hour

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) supports the use of the continuing education unit (CEU) and the professional development hour (PDH) as standard units of measurement in non-accredited Association continuing education and training programs. These measurements are widely used and recognized for training in North America, and serve participants in Association continuing education and training programs in attaining and retaining relevant professional licenses and certifications. Where appropriate, AWWA will assign CEUs to its continuing education and training programs using guidelines set forth by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). PDHs will be assigned to continuing education and training programs where CEUs are not offered.

The CEU and PDH were designed and are widely accepted as standard units of measurement to facilitate the accumulation and exchange of information about individual participation in non-accredited continuing education. They are used internationally for recognizing, recording, reporting, and meeting certification requirements. The diversity of requirements from different official licensing and certifying bodies requires flexibility on the part of AWWA in providing meaningful credits for participants who represent a variety of professions.

AWWA's use of CEUs follows the IACET guidelines where appropriate. CEUs are used by the Association of Boards of Certification and many state and provincial operator certification programs as evidence of professional growth in order to meet the requirements for certification renewal. The use of PDHs follows practices widely accepted in various industries and professions. PDHs are used for education and training programs where objectives are not specified or ensured, but the value of participation for educational and career growth is recognized.

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