

**RIA ADVANCED CERTIFICATION RENEWAL POLICY**

1. The Restoration Industry Association (RIA) requires all Certificants to document and submit evidence of professional development activities during their current three-year certification cycle.
2. **All RIA Certifications require 32 Continuing Education Contact Hours (CECs) contact hours within the current 3-year cycle.**
  - a. CECs can be applied simultaneously to all active RIA certifications held by a single individual.
  - b. Certificants with more than one certificate expiring in the same year need to complete the tracking form only once.
  - c. CEC contact hours exceeding the 32 CEC Hour requirements within a 3-year cycle cannot be “carried over” into the next certification cycle.
  - d. Certificants may combine education credit opportunities from any on the table below to achieve 32 contact hours.
3. **CEC activity must be documented.** Acceptable forms of documentation must be attached to the application and may include: attendance certificates, paid receipts attached to a brochure or flyer describing the class, copy of ID badge along with class description, etc. See specifics for each Category under “Documentation Required with CEC Submission.”
4. **Payment of the non-refundable Certification Renewal Fees is required for recertification.**
5. RIA membership is not a requirement of certification or certification renewal.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Eligible Events</b>	<b>Eligible CEC</b>	<b>Documentation</b>
<b>CATEGORY 1</b> <b>Live or Online</b> <b>Education Events</b> <i>(includes RIA &amp; Non-RIA)</i>  Unlimited contact hours can be submitted from this category per 3-year cycle.	Convention/Conference, Summits, Courses, Seminars, or Classes	Up to 6.5 contact hours per full day with documentation; maximum 6 without documentation for full day event.	Certificate of Completion or Proof of Attendance with course hours listed.
	Workshops	1 contact hour per hour in workshop	
	Webinars and online training programs	1 contact hour per 1 hour online	
<b>CATEGORY 2</b> <b>Technical, Community, or College-related Courses</b>  Limit of 27 contact hours can be submitted from this category per 3-year cycle.	Courses from, but not limited to: college, community or technical college specialty courses pertaining to building science, project management, construction, business, LEED, OSHA, any course related specifically to restoration or cleaning topics.	Up to 9 contact hours per course	Transcripts; Certificate of Attendance or Completion with course dates identified
	Non-RIA professional or industry Certifications related to restoration and/or cleaning topics. Must be achieved within the current 3-year cycle.	Up to 9 contact hours per cert	
<b>CATEGORY 3</b> <b>Participation in RIA Association Leadership &amp; Governance</b>  Limit of 18 contact hours can be submitted from this category per 3-year cycle.	Includes active participation on RIA Councils, Board of Directors, Committees, Task Forces, Peer Reviews, or Sub-Committees.	6 contact hours per calendar year	Formal letter from RIA outlining and verifying volunteer activity and dates of service
<b>CATEGORY 4</b> <b>Other Industry Involvement</b>  Limit of 12 contact hours can be submitted from this category per 3-year cycle.	Speaker / Instructor: 50-minute or more Presentation plus preparation time.	3 contact hours per session	Letter from Sponsor or Coordinator confirming teaching, duration of program, and information presented; Copy of published piece with publication date
	Published Technical Writings: published article must be approximately 1000 words in length.	3 contact hours per article	
<b>CATEGORY 5</b> <b>Humanitarian / Volunteer Work</b>  Limit of 18 contact hours can be submitted from this category per 3-year cycle.	Receive recognition for humanitarian work either in the United States or abroad. Includes charitable work done outside the confines of a company-sponsored or work-related job. Habitat for Humanity, hurricane, flood, natural disaster relief work, and other humanitarian / volunteer work accepted.	6 contact hours per calendar year	Document educational, restoration or technical involvement. Provide RIA with a copy of your itinerary, a letter from the sponsor, and a trip report.



# Continuing Education Credit Renewal Tracking Form

Certification(s):  CR  CMP  WLS      Expiration Year: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	CERTIFICANT #	YEAR CERTIFIED
COMPANY		
ADDRESS		
CITY	ST	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	

Name of event or activity	Location
Sponsoring organization	
Date(s) attended	CECs Earned

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**Please attach applicable documentation for each submitted activity for verification purposes.**

By submitting this document, I agree to:

- Abide by all local, state and Federal regulations related to my profession.
- Comply with the CR, WLS and/or CMP Code of Ethics and Conduct and pledge myself to the highest ethical standards.
- Restrict my use of the certification to the activities for which certification has been granted.
- Refrain from using the certification in such a manner as to bring the RIA or the certification into disrepute.
- Refrain from using the certification in a misleading manner or making any statements regarding the certification which the RIA may consider misleading or unauthorized.
- Understand that the certificate remains the property of the RIA.
- Discontinue the use of all claims to the certification in the event that it is expired, suspended or withdrawn and to return the certificate promptly to the RIA.
- Indemnify and hold harmless the RIA and all its agents and employees from and against any liability whatsoever in connection with this application and/or the granting of or failure to grant re-certification.

Non-compliance with any of the above could result in RIA revoking my certification. I understand that RIA reserves the right to amend all policies and procedures governing mandatory continuing education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To Email Form: [Certification@Restorationindustry.org](mailto:Certification@Restorationindustry.org)

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