



Minnesota Wetland Professional Certification Program

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding 2020 Course Cancellations and Continuing Education Credits

Q: Will refunds be issued for registrants that have paid course and/or exam fees?

A: Registrants may request a refund. However, it is our preference to not issue refunds and instead allow the paid fees to be applied to next year's classes. This payment credit will be applied to the entity that issued the check, not the registrant. So, an entity (LGU, private firm, etc.) could choose to use the payment credit for a different registrant for a future class. We have an accurate accounting of all paid fees and associated payees on file, and we can send you confirmation of your payment credit upon request. If it is important that you receive a refund, please contact Amy Waters at BWSR.MWPCP@state.mn.us. Note that you must be a vendor in the State's financial system (SWIFT) in order to receive a refund. Many LGUs are already vendors in the system and refunds can be issued to them relatively easily. Others will have to register as a vendor before they can receive a refund. We are hoping that most registrants are comfortable applying their payment to a future class because we certainly did not anticipate or plan for such a large-scale cancellation of classes.

Q: Will the MWPCP be issuing new certificates that reflect the revised 12/31/2023 certification expiration date?

A: New certificates will not be issued unless requested and not until after 6/31/2022. We expect that many certified individuals will obtain their certification renewal credits prior to the 12/31/2022 expiration date on their current certificate at which time we will issue them a new certificate. Individuals that need the extra year to obtain their renewal credits can request a new certificate if they believe it is necessary to show that they are still certified during that extra year (2023). Keep in mind that all certifications will be kept up to date on the list of certified individuals posted on our website (unless you requested not to be on that list).



Q: Will the MWPCP be issuing credits for their virtual/online training to be held this fall/winter?

A: No. Rather than change current program policies related to continuing education credits for online versus in-person training events, we have instead chosen to simply extend the renewal period for an extra year. We hope that you will participate in our online/virtual training to learn more about wetland delineation, wetland regulations, etc. even though there are no continuing education credits associated with them. We believe that the extra year will provide ample opportunity to obtain your certification renewal credits through future, in-person, hands-on courses. The MWPCP will consider changes to its continuing education credit policy if COVID restrictions affect our ability to offer in-person training in 2021.