



Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

After completing the 5 day Professional Timber Harvester Training (PTH) participants receive certification which expires at the end of the following calendar year. Each PTH certificate holder must complete at least one approved Continuing Education (CE) credit each calendar year in order to renew the PTH certification.

What is approved CE credit? MFPA presents many continuing education courses such as Skidder and Advance Cutting. Additionally, there are many approved CE opportunities available from partner organizations such as MDC, DNR, MODOT, OSHA, or in woods workshops. Prior approval is required to verify attendance. After the event, a completed “Partner CE” form is required to be submitted before CE is validated.

In the past CE credit was given for attending an approved event and signing a form. **This will no longer be allowed.** Specific scheduled portions of the event must be attended to receive credit.

EXAMPLES:

To receive credit for the Missouri State Logger’s Competition, attending the ‘rules’ portion of the competition that takes place prior to the beginning of the competitive events. It is a great refresher for the 4 day chainsaw training and provides benefit to those in the audience. Showing up midday and signing a form is no longer acceptable.

Birch Tree Logger’s Day. Attending an educational program that Joe Glenn delivers during the event is required. Showing up randomly throughout the day and signing a form is no longer acceptable.

CE credits cannot be carried over to the following year or “banked” if more than one is earned in a calendar year.

If CE credit is not completed by the end of the year, PTH certification will expire. To bring it current, completing one approved CE plus one for every year that has lapsed will be required. For example, certification expires 12/31/2010. To bring it current in 2011, completing 2 approved CE’s will be required. If 5 calendar years pass retaking the initial 5 day program will be required.