

15. RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

15.1 Maintenance of certification is essential to:

- a) Ensuring coaches stay current with new coaching practices and knowledge
- b) Maintaining the integrity of the NCCP
- c) Consistency with the standards of other professions
- d) Reinforcing the values of lifelong learning and continuous improvement

15.2 Certification within the NCCP shall be valid for a maximum period of 5 years.

15.3 The concept of “life-span of NCCP certification” shall apply to coaches who:

- a) Are already certified according to the standards of the Old Levels-NCCP.
- b) Are certified according to the standards of the Old Levels-NCCP while it is still in effect.
- c) Are certified according to the standards of an NCCP context’s core certification and gradations.

15.4 Maintenance of certification must be based on active coaching and professional development.

15.5 Football Canada has defined the active-coaching and professional development requirements for the maintenance of certification in each stream and context.

15.6 Football Canada will publicly communicate requirements for the maintenance of certification on their website in both official languages.

15.7 PSO’s are responsible for publicly communicating the requirement for coaches to maintain certification according to their sport’s requirements.

15.8 These requirements must be completed by the end of the period for which the certification is valid (5 years).

| Football Canada’s NCCP | Minimum Professional development credits required for 5 year cycle |
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| Context | 5 year cycle |
| Community Sport: Novice Coach | 10 Points |
| Competition Introduction: Position Coach | 20 Points |
| Competition introduction: Coordinator | 20 Points |
| Competition Introduction: Head Coach | 20 Points |
| Competition Development | 35 Points |

15.9 Coaches in each context must complete, in addition to mandatory point accumulation, the eLearning module Making Head Way in Football and the Safe Contact module every certification cycle.

15.10 Professional development opportunities and points allocated are as follows:

| | Active Category | Points | Limitations |
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| Sport Specific | Active Coaching | 1 point/year for every season coached OR 1 point/year for learning Facilitator or Evaluator activity | To a maximum of points equal to the number of years the certification renewal period (5 Points for 5 years) |
| | NCCP Activity | 5 points/training module or evaluation event | No maximum or minimum |
| | Non-NCCP Activity | 1 point/hour of activity up to 3 hours maximum | No minimum or maximum |
| | Coach self-directed activity | 3 points for the valid certification period | Maximum of 3 points for certification renewal period |
| | Re-evaluation in context | 100% of the points required for PD credit in the context | No other PD is required if coach chooses re-evaluation |
| Multi-Sport | NCCP activity | 5 points/training module or evaluation event | No maximum or minimum |
| | Non-NCCP activity | 1 point/ hour of activity up to 3 points maximum | To a maximum of 50% of the required PD credit for the context in a certification renewal period. |