

# RECIPROCITY PROCESS

# WSDA/NW REGIONAL CCA

North American Certified Crop Adviser Board Meeting  
September 19-20, 2017 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



# HOW THE RECIPROCITY PROCESS BEGAN

SB 1527

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1527**

64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 16, 2015  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 8, 2015  
Yeas 44 Nays 5

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**President of the Senate**  
Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1527** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

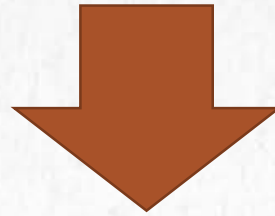
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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**



**In 2014, the need for better accommodation of private entities that have continuing education credits was expressed by ag forestry students working on a class project.**



**The need for accommodation led to Senate Bill 1527 Certification of Enrollment to pass on April 16, 2015.**



**A subsection was added requiring the WSDA to confer with the private entity to develop an effective and efficient system to coordinate pest management .**

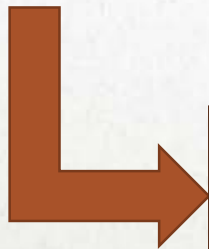
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## THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

- WSDA requires a total of 40 continuing education credits in a period of 5 years for certified applicators to recertify their license, with no more than 15 credits in a year.

*To ensure that the credits were directly related to pesticide usage, they were required to gain approval through the WSDA recertification program.*

- The CCA program requires 40 credits in 2 years, with only 5 of those credits being required for pesticide and pest management.



Initially, the WSDA did not believe that they could offer reciprocity with CCA as they had done with other states or federal departments.



# COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WORKING TOWARD A SINGLE GOAL

Timeline of progress



## August 31, 2015

Meeting was held at the Far West Agribusiness Association office to discuss potential solutions.

Present at the meeting were:

### WSDA

Robin Schoen-Nessa  
Pesticide Licensing Program Mgr

Lindsey Moses  
Licensing Specialist

### CCA

Luther Smith, Director

### FWAA

Jim Fitzgerald  
Executive Director

Denise Spanbauer  
NWCCA Region Admin

### CCA/WSDA Certification

#### Holders

Ben Moehrle  
John Rylaarsdam



WSDA witnessed the CCA continuing education credit approval process and verified that it was similar if not superior to the approval process used by WSDA. The acceptance of credits was no longer challenged and both parties agreed to developing an Memorandum of Understanding and proceeding.

# November 23, 2015

Conference call

## WSDA

Robin Schoen-Nessa  
Pesticide Licensing Program Mgr

Lindsey Moses  
Licensing Specialist

Irene Beckman

## FWAA

Denise Spanbauer  
NWCCA Region Admin



WSDA discussed with Denise her approval processes for courses submitted for CCA credit. It was again determined that course topics that qualify for credit are equivalent for both programs, so reciprocating individual credits/courses would be feasible. Using this process has the potential to cut down on the workload for both organizations as well as course sponsors, as sponsors would only need to submit their course to one or the other.

**During several conversations between WSDA, FWAA and CCA, the following options were discussed on how each entity could extract and post credits despite the difference in timing for CEU requirements.**

## **WSDA**

When Recertification Database is updated (within next 3-5 years), they can consider feasibility of adding a field for CCA courses.

## **NWCCA BOARD**

Approve 8 pesticide credits per year based on current WSDA license.

## **CCA PROGRAM**

Verifies each member via WSDA's database – if current active licensee – CCA grants credits.

CCA can add a field to their database that tracks approved credits by WSDA, updating the CCA member credits automatically.

## **CCA MEMBER**

CCA member sends a copy of their current WSDA license and/or lists of credits and courses completed to the CCA Program for automatic update of Pesticide (Pest Mgt.) credits in the CCA databank.



# Next Steps

## 2016

- May – The NWCCA Board of Directors approved the automatic addition of credits to a CCA license based on WSDA license's credits.
- November – Conference call with WSDA and CCA confirmed that WSDA would be adding a column to their pesticide training sign-in sheet for CCA's to insert their numbers. Sponsors would then forward a copy of the sign-in sheet to ICCA. ICCA will also be adding a field in their database to indicate whether a course had received credit from WSDA as well.

## 2017

- After review and revisions, the Memorandum of Understanding between both the CCA and WSDA was completed and signed on June 12, 2017.

# KEY POINTS

- 1. patience and determination – don't give up
- 2. figure out what they really want – no additional work or cost
- 3. team effort:
  - CCA – Northwest Region
  - ICCA office
  - WSDA staff

# GOAL ACHIEVED!

FWAA is hoping to initiate a similar reciprocity agreement with Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Alaska, and British Columbia.

