

**SUBJECT: SURVEYOR ASSOCIATES (SA)
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

SUMMARY: Outlines requirements for maintenance of SA Upgrade.

POLICY

Surveyor Associates (SA's) must agree to participate in and meet all requirements of the SAMS® Surveyor Associate Education Program as established by the Education Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

Definition of a SAMS® CE: an educational marine experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction.

To be eligible to upgrade to AMS® Candidate status and/or until the AMS® Candidate has passed the AMS® examination, the member must attend a minimum of one day or 6 hours of education per year as an SA. This requirement includes the first year of membership if membership date is prior to July 1st. If membership date begins on or after July 1st, the member must attend a minimum of one-half day or three (3) hours of education for the first year and a minimum of one day or six (6) hours of education for each additional year as an SA.

New members (effective 1/1/13) are required to attend one SAMS® International Meeting and Educational Conference (IMEC) during their first five years of membership. SAMS® members in countries other than the US, Canada and Mexico may meet the Annual Meeting requirement by attending a “recognized marine symposium” in any other country. This requirement shall consist of at least two (2) full days of education AT AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING OR SYMPOSIUM totaling sixteen (16) education credits.

Six credits will be granted for each full day of class; three or four credits will be granted for each one-half day of class in addition to those awarded for attendance at the educational symposium. Credits are not limited to SAMS® sponsored functions. Seminars sponsored by ABYC, NFPA, IAMI etc., will qualify.

Three credits may be earned for publication of an article of a marine related nature in either the SAMS® Newsletter or in other Marine journals. Up to nine may be awarded in a five year period at the discretion of the Education VP.

One credit per year may be earned for speaking engagements on marine related subjects at the discretion of the Education VP.

A maximum of three credits per year may be earned for online and other distant learning certificates or courses on marine related subjects at the discretion of the Education VP.

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Online courses that are followed by a proctored exam will be granted full credit upon providing proof of passing the exam to the International Office. Documentation showing dates and hours will also be required. CE's will be awarded in the certification year of the proctored passed exam. If the proctored exam is failed, CE's will still be granted, but limited to the three credits per year maximum.

Proof of attendance will be required, and approval of all credits will be at the discretion of SAMS® Education VP.

The individual member is responsible for the reporting of his/her attainment of credits to the International Office. A Surveyor Associate Education Reporting Form will be provided to each Surveyor Associate with their Annual Dues Statement, mailed in December. The reporting form should be returned with the member's annual dues payment.

SOURCE: SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2001-2007
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2008-2012
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 30 January 2013
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2013-2015
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 25 January 2017
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 14 June 2017

