

SOCIETY OF ACCREDITED MARINE SURVEYORS®

**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.

To be eligible to upgrade to AMS® Candidate status and/or until the AMS® Candidate has passed the AMS® examination, the member:

1. 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 hours of education for the first year, and a minimum of one day or six hours of education for each additional year as an SA.
2. Effective December 13, 2018 all Surveyor Associate members are required to attend two SAMS® Regional Meetings in any region, **or** one IMEC as a Surveyor Associate prior to upgrading.

Definition of a SAMS® CE: an educational marine experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction. Unless otherwise noted, one hour of instruction qualifies for one education credit.

Professional Activities that Qualify for Education Credits

Attendance at educational marine programs sponsored by professional marine related organizations or other marine learning entities. Any SAMS®, NAMS, ABYC, NFPA, etc., seminar would be considered a professional marine related activity. Trade show seminars such as IBEX is another example of an approved program.

Other Activities that Might Qualify

Members are encouraged to expand their knowledge and skills through a balance of different courses, work related activity and educational methods designed to ensure their professional development and competence. SAMS® does reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of the subject matter submitted for credit. Following are some examples:

1. Presentation (instructor/trainer) of an educational program (ABYC, etc.):
Same as the education credits allowed for the course, only one course allowed during the time a member is an SA. Example: ABYC course credits 24 education credits - Instructor will be given the same amount of education credits, but only once during the time a member is an SA.
2. Publication of an article
Three credits may be earned for publication of an article in either the SAMS® Newsletter, or in other Marine journals. Up to nine may be awarded in a five year period.

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3. Speaking Engagements

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

4. Online Courses

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.

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.

Activities that DO NOT Qualify for Education Credits

1. Reading magazines and books
2. Boat show attendance, unless you attend a manufacturer's seminar and receive a certificate
3. Booth attendance
4. Volunteer service on professional boards or organizations
5. Breakfast/lunch/dinner meetings unless they have the pre-approval of SAMS®
6. Any Education credits acquired before becoming a member of SAMS®

Documentation of Activities

It is extremely important that all members keep good records and maintain your own personal file. Attendance at SAMS® functions will be automatically credited from the sign-in sheets (with member's signature) which will have been forwarded to the International Office.

Certificates of attendance or completion of a course, and other similar types of documentation for marine related activities that verify each education activity must be sent in with your request and should be kept in your file in case they are audited.

Each surveyor is reminded that the Education requirements of SAMS® are minimal and all professionals are encouraged to participate in on-going educational activities that further their professional growth and development. If your request for Education Credits is not documented, they will not be allowed. All certifications must be sent in with the Surveyor Associate Education Reporting Form. Reporting forms can be found on SAMS® website in the "Education" section.

SOURCE:

SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2001-2007
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2008-2012
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 2013-2015
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendments, 25 January 2017
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 14 June 2017
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 27 June 2018
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 13 December 2018
SAMS® Board of Directors Amendment, 10 June 2019