

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 VP and/or the Board of Directors.

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

1 hour = 1 CE

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 a Surveyor Associate.
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 a Surveyor Associate. There is no carry-over to following year.
2. Effective December 13, 2018 all Surveyor Associate members are required to attend two (2) SAMS® Regional Meetings in any region, or one IMEC as a Surveyor Associate prior to upgrading.
3. Effective January 1, 2024 each member (SA) must obtain 2 hours (2 CE's) of ETHICS training prior to their upgrading to an AMS® Candidate at a Regional Meeting, IMEC or online ethics classes.

Professional Activities that Qualify for CE 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 (with an approved attendance certificate or verification of attendance).

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.

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Presentation (instructor/trainer) of an educational program (ABYC, NFPA, IAMI etc):

Same as the CE's allowed for the course, only one course allowed while a surveyor associate (SA)

Example: ABYC course credits twenty-four CE's - Instructor will be given the same amount of CE's, but only once in their certification period.

Publication of an Article:

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 CE credits may be awarded as a Surveyor Associate, at the discretion of the Education VP.

Online marine related courses:

CE requirements may be earned through online and distant learning courses on a marine related subject or a subject that will improve your professionalism in your practice subject to the discretion of the Education VP. Proof of attendance will be required, and approval of all credits will be at the discretion of SAMS® Education VP.

Additional education opportunities can be found on SAMS® Website in the “Members Corner”.

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 **and may be submitted throughout the year as CE credits occur.**

SOURCE:

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