

GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATES TAKING THE MULTI-CHOICE AND VIVA EXAM FOR RE-ADMITTANCE ON TO THE BASIS PROFESSIONAL REGISTER

All candidates wishing to re-join the Professional Register will need to contact an Approved Trainer for exam dates. Candidates can no longer attend a full BASIS or FACTS exam, instead Trainers will organise training and examination for re-entry on to the Professional Register as separate dates. Please go to:

http://www.basis-reg.com/media/documents/AT&ED_RE-JOINING_PROF_REG_FSTS.pdf

http://www.basis-reg.com/media/documents/AT&ED_RE-JOINING_PROF_REG_FACTS.pdf

It is recommended that all candidates attend 2 days training. This is applicable from **1st September 2010**. A 30 question multi-choice and viva examination will take place.

AGRICULTURE

Candidates will be expected to have at least the level of knowledge required of BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection candidates in the following areas:

- Agronomy and crop protection of at least one crop.
- COSHH regulations and their application to farm pesticides.
- How to use the pesticide product label.
- LERAP's arrangements.
- Anti-resistance strategies for preventing and managing the occurrence of pesticide resistant weed, pests and diseases.
- The pesticide authorisation and approval system in the EU and the UK
- How MRLs are set, used and enforced.
- Best practice for transport and storage of pesticides by users and suppliers.
- Best practice for the management of wastes. Specifically, concentrated pesticides, dilute pesticides / washings and pesticide packaging.
- The application of "Pesticides, the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products." E.g. in relation to reduced spray volumes.
- The sections of the new combined Code of Good Agricultural Practice for the protection of Water, Soil and Air relevant to pesticides.
- The content of the BASIS/LEAF ICM syllabus.
- The importance, and significance, of NVZ rules.

FACTS

Anyone wishing to rejoin the Professional Register for plant nutrition only please be advised that they will be expected to have at least the level of knowledge required to pass the FACTS exam.

ADVANCED

Anyone who has attended a full Advanced Module Exam within the last year is eligible to join the Professional Register without taking a further exam.

CERTIFICATION

For those who hold a Full Certificate, eg. Agric., Veg., Comm. Hortic., to retain their current certificate status they will need to be examined in all those areas. Anyone who specialises in a particular area and wishes to be examined in that area only will be added to the Professional Register in their specialised category. This information will be forwarded to Crop Assurance Schemes.

EXEMPTIONS

All those who have an exemption are required to attend a multi-choice and panel viva in the same way as those with a certificate of competence.

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