



RECERTIFICATION POLICY

In order to maintain the CLD certification, it is necessary to recertify every year. Recertification requires 10 Continuing Lighting Units (CLU) of education/ professional development. The annual calibration of CLU will help continuing education be more prominent and consistent. These units may be completed at any time during the year.

In order to track your continuing education, log into cld.global and enter CLU on your profile. Credits must be approved by staff before appearing on your page. CLU accumulated in any given year may be rolled over to the following year given the frequency of lighting conferences and educational availability globally.

- Up to 2 of the 10 CLU can be from Qualifying Leadership, Authorship and/or Teaching activities related to lighting design, such as serving on a committee, giving a lecture or presenting a paper if the CLD certificant so desires. However, all 10 CLU can also come from continuing education.
- Continuing education or professional development is tracked in hour increments. One hour equals 1 CLU. All sessions must be at least one hour in length. If a session is more than one hour in length, additional CLU will be given in 30 minute or .5 CLU increments. For example:
 - < 60 minutes = no credit
 - 60 minutes = 1 CLU
 - 75 minutes = 1 CLU
 - 90 minutes = 1.5 CLU
 - 110 minutes = 1.5 CLU
 - 120 minutes = 2 CLU
- No more than 50% of the required 10 Continuing Lighting Units necessary for recertification can come from attending one type of event or conference or activity. This means the most CLU one can earn from any particular activity is 5.
- All recertification CLU must relate to one of the seven (7) Domains (Goals and Outcomes, Collaboration, Ingenuity, Synthesis, Science, Stewardship, Human Experience).
- A CLD certificant does not need to show continuing education in each Domain annually.
- All recertification CLU are self-reported and subject to verification. Transcripts, certificates of attendance and agendas may be requested.

- Recertification fees are \$90 USD for professional-level members of approved associations and \$110 USD for everyone else. Fees are payable once you have reached 10 CLU by due by 1 January annually.

Approved Activities

There are a wide range of continuing education and professional development activities in which a CLD certificant can participate and earn CLU toward recertification.

These include:

- Seminars at professional conferences such as IES, SLL, IALD Enlighten conferences, LEDForum, CIE, Light + Building, LIGHTFAIR International, etc.
- Lighting association conferences
- IALD LERN
- Team leadership training
- Project management courses
- Selected association chapter events
- University courses/technical lectures
- Workshops
- Online courses
- Manufacturer's courses – provided they offer educational content and are not simply a sales pitch

Up to 2 of the 10 required CLU can be earned from Qualifying Leadership, Authorship and/or Teaching activities:

- Publication of an article or technical research paper - 2 CLU
- Serving as Chairman or Vice Chairman of a committee - 2 CLU
- Serving as a committee member – 1 CLU. A maximum of 2 CLU can be earned in the 1-year recertification period.
- Giving a lecture or presenting at a conference (each lecture or presentation must be different) - 2 CLU

Existing CLD- Transition Year

The above-described recertification policy will apply to existing CLDs beginning in January after the current five-year term expires. Current CLDs will need to submit 70 CLU prior to their credential expiring, but do not need to submit additional credits in the transition year.

During the first year of certification, the following CLU are required:

- If achieve CLD 1 Jan – 30 May: 10 CLU
- If achieve CLD from 1 June – 30 Sept: 5 CLU
- If achieve CLD between 1 Oct – 31 Dec: CLU waived until the commencement of their 1st full year in January.

Thereafter, the 10 CLU regime will apply to all CLDs from the 1st January anniversary.