

How to recertify and renew CERT Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Badge

Maintaining your qualification in CERT, requires completing 25 hours of continuing education and activities in a 5-year period, and then participating in a recertification class of Basic CERT Training.

For the next five years hours needed to recertify are prorated.

After 2020, recertification will require 25 hours of continuing education.

Badge expires in 2016---**3** hours.

Badge expires in 2017---**5** hours.

Badge expires in 2018---**10** hours.

Badge expires in 2019—**15** hours.

Badge expires in 2020---**20** hours

Badge expires 2021 and thereafter—**25** hours.

You may recertify within 9 months of your DSW Badge expiration. Recertification classes will be held quarterly coupled with an advanced training class. Two classes will be on weeknights and 2 classes will be on Saturdays.

Go to the “santacruzcountycert.org” website, and sign-up to attend one of the quarterly recertification classes. You will receive an email verifying your participation. At the class you will fill out a form for the DSW badge renewal, have your photograph taken, and participate in the hands-on skills segment. Please come in appropriate clothing with long pants and closed-toe shoes, bringing your CERT backpack, certificates of training, and current DSW Badge.

If your DSW badge has ***expired*** you must attend another CERT Basic class to recertify. However, if you are ***active in the CERT program*** you may renew your badge by completing the FEMA online class—IS-317 CERT Basic Review Course ***and*** attending one of the quarterly recertification classes.

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For questions or further information please contact your Team Leader. Additionally you may email: “certauxiliary@gmail.com” for information or further guidance.