

Frequently Asked Questions

PMPA's Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Program

An Overview

A PMPA CEU Program?	PMPA announces a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) program to help you keep track of the valuable training that you receive through PMPA programming. As an employee, it recognizes your work to master your craft. As an employer, it gives you a means to track your investment and return in employee training through participation in our educational meetings and programming.
What can be earned?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEUs will assist the attendee in meeting certification requirements for their professional development. 2. These CEUs can be used toward the PMPA credential: "<u>Precision Machining Technology Certificate</u>"
What would the overall PMPA Certification be called?	<p>"<u>Precision Machining Technology Certificate</u>"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) This is part of the Precision Machining Technology Certification Program recognizing both 'gold' and 'platinum certificates' b) The Cert would be: "Recognizing continuing education in the field of Precision Machining Technology"
How long would it take to earn this certificate?	<p>Number of CEUs needed to earn the Precision Machining Technology Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 CEUs to earn the Gold Certification • 10 CEUs to earn the Platinum Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour (50 minutes) = .1 CEU (this is in accordance with ANSI/IACET standard) • A typical National Technical Conference could earn an attendee 1.2 CEUs
What PMPA programming applies to this PMPA Certificate?	<p>Chapter programming and national conferences will earn attendees CEU credits toward the PMPA Certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This training could also be used as additional evidence to supply to those organizations that require CEUs to maintain certain certifications (ASQ, SME, etc.)
Could organizations like SME and ASQ choose to recognize these CEUs?	<p>Yes. PMPA's 80+ year history with over 50 years of experience in national conference programming reflects positively on the programming we provide. Because we are not a 'recognized' program (not certified by the International Association for Continuing Education), some organizations could choose not to recognize PMPA earned CEUs.</p>

Who Does This Serve?

The Employer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A tool for HR department; assists in the training development of their people 2. CEU/records can be used by employer as evidence of training as required by quality standards 3. Identify PMPA CEU training as an additional bonus to employment. 4. CEUs are an additional tangible payback that would appeal to the younger generation and show employer investment in them and their career.
The Employee:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEUs can be used to document the advancement of your education in the precision machining industry. They provide a long-term path to a credential certifying continued training and professional development. 2. It shows employers that employees are committed to their profession and trained. 3. Certification makes you more valuable to employers. 4. You can use these CEUs as additional evidence to supply to professional organizations that require CEUs to maintain certain certifications (such as ASQ, SME)
The Association:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifies the association as one that recognizes importance of training and provides the association's backing in the type of training we provide through our National and Chapter events 2. Adds measurable value to PMPA's programming offerings. 3. Acts as a recruitment tool – another ROI to highlight within recruiting efforts 4. One of the first associations to back their programming with CEUs 5. Offering credits provides additional incentive to attend PMPA value-added programming.

CEU Background

<p>What is a CEU and is there a main body that can provide certification to a standard?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEU stands for "Continuing Education Units" 2. The International Association for Continuing Education (IACET) developed the CEU in 1970. They do not approve of courses or learning events. They provide recognition to organizations that have a process in place in accordance with the ANSI/IACET standard (similar to ISO).
<p>Can PMPA be certified by IACET?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We could, but PMPA could only offer "approved CEU credits" through IACET for those classes put on by PMPA Staff. Cost to certify such a limited number of classes per year would not be a good use of resources.
<p>Can we do this without this formal certification?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes – The term "CEU" is in the public domain and can be used by organizations that are not IACET Authorized Providers. 2. PMPA has been the premier provider for training in the precision machining industry. PMPA has a history of providing industry intelligence for over 80 years and over 50 years of providing industry focused national training. 3. PMPA offers CEUs to recognize valuable training provided to our attendees.
<p>Why Do this?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certain professions require that practitioners earn a specific number of CEUs to ensure that they are up-to-date with current practices in their field. Proof of credits earned is necessary in order to renew a license to practice or be recognized (SME, ASQ, Certified Quality Auditor, Engineer, etc.). 2. We have a chance to recognize the outstanding programming that we administer. Offering CEUs is a way to add additional credibility and sell-ability to the association & its events as well as build attendance. 3. It is another way to promote the positive image and status of our profession.