
Policy Addendum: CPST Recertification and COVID-19

Safe Kids Worldwide understands that the ability to complete the five (5) reviewed seat checks and, for instructors, 20 teaching hours, required for recertification may not be feasible during COVID-19. As a result, Safe Kids has made the following recertification options available until further notice**.

Seat Check Requirement

The standard recertification requirement of 5 reviewed seat checks will remain available.

New Option

- Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Instructors (CPST/Is) can submit up to five (5) additional CEUs in place of reviewed seats.
- CPST/Is can submit any combination of reviewed seat checks and CEUs to total 5.
- One (1) CEU will be the equivalent of one (1) reviewed seat check.
- CPST/Is will acknowledge (via checked box or similar method):
 - Confidence in their technical skill; and
 - Confidence in their ability to effectively communicate with parents and caregivers.

CPST Instructor Teaching Hours Requirement

The standard recertification requirement of 20 teaching hours will remain available.

New Option

- CPSTIs can submit additional Community Education hours in place of teaching hours.
- The system will continue to add newly earned teaching hours to Instructor's profiles.
- The number of required Community Education Hours (2 or 5) will depend on the Instructor's remaining (or incomplete) teaching hours during the current recertification cycle.

# of Teaching Hours Earned	# of Remaining Teaching Hours	# of required Community Education Hours
0-10	11-20	5
11-19	1-10	2
20 or more	0	0

- Instructors will acknowledge (via checked box or similar method):
 - Confidence in their teaching/classroom skills; and
 - Confidence in their ability to effectively communicate with parents and caregivers.

** Please Note: Safe Kids Worldwide, NHTSA and the CPS Board will assess the need to continue these alternatives based on the situation and will keep technicians and instructors informed of any changes.

