

A. Pesticide Assessment (6-8 points) – Points Cap 10 Points Per Year

8 points can be claimed for achieving a Pesticide Application (PA) qualification providing the member joins within twelve months of certification (for new members only).

Each additional application qualification (PA2 - PA13) and further Plant Protection related qualifications achieved will be awarded a further 8 NRoSO points, evidence will need to be provided of this by sending in a copy of your Certificate of Competence once you have received this.

PA Refresher Training also offers members the chance to refresh their PA application skills as well as keeping up to date with current legislation. The course will be based on the current PA qualification suite and will need to involve a significant amount of trainee involvement. Dependent on the length of the event, a member can claim up to 6 points.

More information on relevant qualifications can be found at www.basis-reg.co.uk; www.nptc.org.uk or www.lantra.co.uk

B. Meeting with an agronomist (2 points) – Points Cap 4 Points Per Year

This could involve a range of activities, including discussing crop protection and environmental concerns with a BASIS qualified agronomist. 2 CPD points are available per meeting with a maximum of 4 points per year. You can download the current “Record of meetings with Agronomist/Technical Advisor” form [here](#). All details need to be completed at the time of the meeting. The form needs to be returned within three months from the date of meeting, and within the same membership year.

C. Technical Updates / Seminars / Conferences (1 - 6 points) – Points Cap 6 Points Per Year

Specific briefings on pesticide products, application equipment, updates on legislation/ techniques/etc are included within this category and can qualify for up to 10 CPD points, depending on the length and content of the course.

D. Trade Association Press and Approved App Subscriptions (1-2 Points) – Points Cap 2 Points Per Year

Weekly/monthly trade publications, such as Farmers Weekly and Agronomist and Arable Farmer are included. The full reading list, which includes content eligible for points this both this category and category F can be found [here](#).

Mobile Applications such as [BeeConnected](#) are also eligible for 2 CPD points, are free to sign up to, and have great positive environmental benefits.

The NRoSO member must be the named recipient of the subscription when sending in evidence of claiming points.

E. Open Technical Events (2 – 6 points) – Points Cap 6 Points Per Year

These are divided into two groups: either specific, technically guided demonstrations, trials and knowledge trails can attract up to 6 CPD points each. Relevant events with no guidance given could receive up to 2 points. Trade shows, such as Cereals and Groundswell will also be pointed under this category.

F. Membership of an organisation providing technical notes (1-2 points) – Points Cap 2 Points Per Year

This includes membership or subscription to organisations such as ADAS, SAC, STRI, AHDB, NIAB, United Oilseeds, FAST, etc. Similar regular updates such as company technical newsletters are also included in this group if there is a NRoSO reference number allocated to it. Details for claiming points will be within the newsletter.

G. Online Distance Learning (1-2 points) – Points Cap 4 Points Per Year

Many companies host online webinars and podcasts, and many of these are available for CPD points. The provider will need to submit an application for the learning module to qualify for CPD points.

You can earn CPD points in this category by listening to the [BASIS Podcasts](#), instructions on how to claim points will be within the podcast itself.

H. Attending NSTS test (3 points) – Points Cap 3 Points Per Year

3 CPD points are available for members who attend and are actively involved in an NSTS (National Sprayer Testing Scheme) test. All members will be issued with a form to record attendance at the NSTS test, which the registered tester and attending NRoSO member will be required to sign at the time of the test. Forms signed or dated after the NSTS test will not be accepted. This form can be accessed [here](#). For any queries relating to the test, please directly call NSTS on 01733 207606 or 01733 207608. Please note that submitting the NSTS Test report is not sufficient proof of the member attending the test and will not be accepted for CPD points.

I. NRoSO Annual Training Event (10 points) – Points Cap 10 Points Per Year

Members attending this half day event are entitled to 10 CPD points. This event runs throughout the majority of the UK from November to March Each year. Details of where these events are being held can either be obtained by speaking to your agronomist or by visiting agricultural websites such as Agrii, Agrovista, Hutchinsons or Frontier. The course is designed for use with farmers and sprayer operators working on arable, mixed, and vegetable farms. Specially adapted versions of the course, suitable for those working with fruit crops, will also be available with content provided by Agrii. Delegates will receive The NRoSO Handbook for the current year, a handy guide designed to sit in the tractor cab with all the important information which does not tend to change year on year. The half day course will be delivered by NRoSO trained crop protection distributors and freelance trainers. Operators have the opportunity to share tips and solutions that work for them and learn about best practice techniques that they could adopt in the future from others attending the event.

J. Participative Training (1 - 6 points) – Points Cap 6 Points Per Year

Participative training includes activities that involve a significant amount of trainee involvement. Numbers should not normally be more than 15 per trainer, otherwise participation by trainees within the group will be limited. Where numbers exceed 15 trainees (per trainer), the training event will normally be classified as a seminar or conference (Category C), awarding fewer CPD points. Where a larger number of trainees are involved but split into syndicate groups for part of the course, this can be considered where written details of the group activities are provided.

K. Approved, Assessed Online Learning (2 - 10 points) – Points Cap 10 Points Per Year

NRoSO members can access a wealth of online learning opportunities via sources such as [The BASIS Classroom](#) and [Ei Operator](#). These sites provide in depth content designed specifically for online learning, and in all cases will involve some form of exam / assessment at the end of the course.

L. BASIS Internal Points – Points Cap 10 Points Per Year

These points are allocated by BASIS, and in most cases will be awarded to BASIS Professional Register members who are also on NRoSO. Members of the BASIS Professional Register are required to earn up to 60 CPD points per year, and to increase efficiency we allocate each member sitting across both registers with 10 NRoSO CPD points per year.

Any rollover of CPD points from one membership year into the next will also fall under this category if needed.