

Free and Inexpensive Recertification Activities

If your recertification date is approaching and you need a few more points, here are some free and low-cost options:



Webinars:

Most ATD webinars qualify for one point if they were recorded during your certification cycle. ATD members have access to the [full webinar archive](#). Nonmembers have access to upcoming webinars and those recorded during the last 30 days. You can find a list [here](#) of past webinars for which you registered. Webinars by other well-established providers typically qualify if they meet the requirements noted here.



Books:

You can claim up to 15 points per cycle (three points per book) by reading books that were published during your certification period. The topic must align with the [Talent Development Capability Model](#). A list of ATD Press books can be found [here](#). The books you read do not have to be ATD publications. Non-ATD books in the talent development space also qualify if they meet the requirements noted above.



Micro Course Library:

The full Micro Course Library with 99 courses is available to ATD Professional Plus members. Most qualify for one recertification point. Learn more [here](#).



Virtual Events or Conferences:

ATD has many virtual events and courses, including the virtual conferences that were held in 2020. Virtual courses on relevant topics taken through other providers such as LinkedIn Learning or Udemy qualify if they meet the noted requirements.



Memberships:

ATD National membership is worth four points per year for CPTDs and three points per year for APTDs. With your ATD membership, you gain access to the full archive of webinars, the full library of *TD at Work* guides, and recorded sessions from many recent conferences. If you're unsure about your membership status, you can find your membership history in your td.org account [here](#). Memberships in other talent development-related organizations also qualify for points under the membership category. See the recertification policy on [this page](#) for more specifics.



On-the-Job Experience:

If you have completed projects at work that required you to learn new skills or knowledge that align with the Capability Model, you should be able to claim points for the time you spent on those projects. APTDs can claim up to 15 points, and CPTDs can claim up to 20 points in this category.



Employer-Sponsored Education:

Programs offered by your employer may qualify for continuing education points if they are at least 30 minutes in length and align with topics in the Capability Model.



Research and Writing:

If you have written blog posts or articles for ATD, they usually qualify for recertification points. For more details, download the recertification policy at the bottom of [this page](#).



Leadership and Recognition:

If you have served on the board or volunteered for your local ATD chapter or ATD National in some capacity, that work should qualify for recertification points. Ask the person with whom you interacted at ATD National for information on the point value of your volunteer work.



Requirements for All Activities:

Make sure that the professional development activity increases your skills in and knowledge of topics included in the [Talent Development Capability Model](#).

The activity must have occurred or been attended, recorded, or published during your recertification cycle.

Activities must be at least 30 minutes in length, from reputable providers, and have proof of attendance available.