

Attention: All PAM Certified Registered Microbiologists (RMicro) and Specialist Microbiologists (SMicro)

Renew your expired certifications!

The proposed Microbiology Bill which was endorsed by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to the Civil Service Committees of both houses is posted in the PAM website. Please look at Section 21 which will affect all PAM certified microbiologists.

SECTION 21. Registration Without Examination. – *The Board shall register without examination any person who can present evidence or proof satisfactory to the Board that:*

- 1. He/she is a Filipino citizen;*
- 2. He/she is a person of good moral character;*
- 3. He/she has twenty-four (24) units of microbiology from an HEI duly recognized by the CHED, passed certification exam conducted by reputable, well established and long-standing professional organization in microbiology or its equivalencies in the practice of Microbiology as assessed by the Board and has been actively practicing microbiology for at least five (5) years. For this purpose, equivalencies shall refer to activities which may include, but not be limited to participation/attendance to trainings, scientific conferences/symposia in microbiology in the last 5 years, research publications as prescribed by the Board or national research awards in microbiology, recognized innovations or solutions to microbiological problems in industry.*

All qualified applicants must apply for registration within two (2) years from the effectivity of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act. Thereafter, anyone who wants to be registered shall have to take the examination.

The above provision states that all PAM certified microbiologists (RMicro and SMicro) will be given registration without examination if they satisfy the above requirements - provided that they are currently PAM certified (this will be included in the IRR of the Law). Therefore, **all PAM certified microbiologists (RMicro and SMicro) must renew their certification now.**

Effective February 11, 2019, all RMicro and SMicro whose certification has expired are required to abide by the requirements, rules and regulations on Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

The objectives of the CPD are as follows:

- a. To ensure the continuous advancement of RMicro and SMicro with the latest trends in the fields of microbiology and other related fields;
- b. To raise and maintain the capability of the RMicro and SMicro for delivering professional services;
- c. To maintain the high standard in the practice of microbiology and related fields;
- d. To ensure globally-competitive RMicro and SMicro
- e. To promote the general welfare of the public.

FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION OF PAM CERTIFIED REGISTERED MICROBIOLOGISTS (RMicro) AND SPECIALIST MICROBIOLOGISTS (SMicro)

Earn **36 CPD units** for those renewing in 2022 (Please see **Table 1** for the number of credit units that can be earned for each activity).

- For RMicro and SMicro who have not renewed their certification since 2017, activities and outputs from 2017 (the last five years) shall be given credit.
- For those who were certified or whose certifications were renewed in 2018 and onwards, activities and outputs of the last three years from the date of their expected year of renewal shall be given credit.

Instructions on the Renewal of Certification:

1. Accomplish properly CPD Form No. 1 and CPD Form No. 2. Please download the forms from the PAM website (philippineacademyofmicrobiology.org).
2. Perform self-assessment for the credit points (see Table 1 below) and provide the proofs (certificates of attendance/participation) and evidences;
3. Deposit/pay Php3000 as application fee for renewal of certification to:
Philippine Academy of Microbiology Account No: 246470000865
PNB – UPLB Branch, UPLB College, Laguna.

Write your fullname in the blank space of the deposit slip.

4. Submit the soft copies of all the documents and ID picture (1x1) in jpeg or png format to:
cpd.philacadmicro@gmail.com <cpd.philacadmicro@gmail.com>
Subject: Renewal of Certification_ *Complete Name [Last Name, First Name M.I.]*

5. Send the hard copy of all the documents together with the proof of payment to:

Philippine Academy of Microbiology
 Continuing Professional Development Committee
 10037 Ruby St. Los Baños Subd., Brgy. Batong Malake,
 Los Baños, Laguna
 [Contact No. 09665285710]

Renewal shall start on the date of completion of requirements with a validity of three (3) years. Applicants will be notified on the status of their application thru email. The PAM ID will be sent via courier service to the permanent mailing address indicated in CPD Form No. 1.

Table 1. Program and activities qualified for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit units – Units/Activity		Credit Units
A. Participation in PSM - organized Events		
A.1.	Attendance in annual convention	12/convention
A.2.1	Attendance in cluster symposia	8/symposium
A.2.2	Attendance in webinar-symposium/colloquium	1-2/ symposium or colloquium
A.3.	Attendance in Regional Chapter (RC) annual meeting	8/meeting
A.4.	Attendance in RC workshops	8/workshop
A.5.	As Trainor in workshops	8/training
A.6.	As author or co-author and presentor in oral paper presentation	+4 senior author +3 paper presentor +2 for co-author
A.7.	As author or co-author and presentor in poster paper presentation	+3/senior author +2/poster presentor +1 for co-author
A.8.	As resource speaker	+4/topic
A.9.	As panelist/reactor/discussant	+2/topic
A.10.	As facilitator/moderator	+1/session
B. Participation in Non-PSM Organized Events (National and International)		
B.1.	Attendance in Conventions of other Scientific Microbiology Organizations with 100% microbiology topics (i.e. Mycological Society of the Philippines/MSP, Philippine Society of Lactic Acid Bacteria/PSLAB, etc)	4/convention

	B.2.1 Attendance in Seminars Sponsored by Organizations mentioned in B.1.	2/seminar
	B.2.2 Attendance in webinar-symposium/colloquium by Organizations mentioned in B.1.	1-2/ symposium or colloquium
	B.2.3 Attendance in conference/convention webinars of other Scientific Organizations with 100% Microbiology topics	3-5/ conference or convention
	B.3. Attendance in Conventions of Microbiology-related Scientific Organizations with topics not 100% microbiology (i.e. PAMET, PAFT, Inc.)	2/convention
	B.4. Attendance in seminars sponsored by those organizations mentioned in B.3.	1/seminar
	B.5. As Trainor in workshops	8/training
	B.6. As author or co-author and presentor in oral paper presentation	+4 senior author +3 paper presentor +2 co-author
	B.7. As author or co-author and presentor in poster paper presentation	+3senior author +2poster presentor +1 co-author
	B.8. As resource speaker	+4/topic
	B.9. As panelist/reactor/discussant	+2/topic
	B.10. As facilitator/moderator	+1/session
C. Post Graduate/Specialty Training		
	C.1. Master's degree (only for RMicro)	1/academic unit +20 upon completion of degree
	C.2. Doctoral degree (only for SMicro)	2/academic unit +30 upon completion of degree
	C.3. Fellowship/Specialty Training	6 for 1 month or less
	Indicate the activity related to microbiology training attended	+8/month in excess of one month
	Capacity building for tertiary education in selected microbiology courses for members of microbiology consortia in the country sponsored by CHED and implemented by the Microbiology Division, IBS, CAS, UPLB. 5-days training for one microbiology course	12 units

The Continuing Professional Development Committee (CPD com) reviews the application for renewal to confirm that the applicant complies with the renewal requirements.