PDU Category Fact Sheet

Qualifying Professional Development Activities: To accrue PDUs, a certification holder must participate in and successfully complete professional development activities that fall under one or more of the approved professional development categories.

PDU Category 1: New Certification or Credential
1A: New SPēD or APC Certification: ○ Each New SPēD or APC Certification is valued at 100 PDUs.
1B: SPēD Credential or the DPAPC: ○ Each SPēD Credential or the DPAPC is valued at 75 PDUs.
1C: Non SPēD or APC Certification: ○ Each Non-SPēD Certification is valued at 50 PDUs.
PDU Category 2: Security-Related Training

2A: Security Related eLearning Course:
   ○ Each Hour of Security-Related eLearning Course earns 1 PDU (partial hours round up).
   • All 100 PDUs can be earned in this category

2B: Security Related Instructor-Led Training (ILT) or Virtual Instructor-led Training (VILT) Courses:
   ○ Each FULL DAY of Security Related Instructor-Led or Virtually-Led Training Courses earns 10 PDUs.
   • 5 PDUs for each ½ day (1-4 hours) and 10 PDUs per FULL day (5-8 hours)
   • All 100 PDUs can be earned in this category

2C: Security Related Higher Education:
   ○ Each WEEK of Security Higher Education earns 10 PDUs.
   • For example, 8 weeks = 80 PDUs. All 100 PDUs can be earned in this category

PDU Category 3: Non-Security Related Training

3A: Non-Security Related eLearning Training Courses:
      ○ Each Hour of Non-Security-Related eLearning Training Courses earns 1 PDU (partial hours round up).
   • Up to 50 PDUs can be earned in this category
   • Other 50 PDUs must be directly security related

3B: Non-Security Related ILT or VILT Courses:
   ○ Each FULL DAY of Non-Security Related ILT or VILT Courses earns 10 PDUs.
   • 5 PDUs for each ½ day (1-4 hours) and 10 PDUs per FULL day (5-8 hours)
   • Up to 50 PDUs can be earned in this category
   • Other 50 PDUs must be directly security related

3C: Non-Security Related Higher Education:
   ○ Each WEEK of Non-Security Higher Education earns 10 PDUs.
   • For example, 8 weeks = 80 PDUs. However, only 50 PDUs can be earned in this category

• Other 50 PDUs must be directly security related

PDU Category 4: Security Conferences

4A: Security Conference: Participant:
- o Each Hour of Security Conference as a Participant is worth 1 PDU.
- o Certificants can claim credit for up to 50 PDUs in this category.

4B: Security Conference: Presenter:
- o Each presentation is worth 5 PDUs, with a max of 25 per event (total of 5 presentations).
- o Certificants can claim credit for up to 50 PDUs in this category.

PDU Category 5: Security-Related Projects

5A: SPēD Certification Projects:
- o Certificants can receive three PDUs per contact hour and two PDUs per completed homework assignment for a distinct project.
- o A maximum of 50 PDUs can be earned for each SPēD Certification and Credentialing Program project.
- o Certificants can claim credit for up to 50 PDUs in this category.

5B: Non SPēD Certification Projects:
- o Certificants can receive three PDUs per contact hour and two PDUs per completed homework assignment for a distinct project.
- o A maximum of 50 PDUs can be earned for each non-SPēD Certification and Credentialing Program project.
- o A maximum of 50 PDUs can be earned in this category.
- o Other 50 PDUs must be directly security related.

PDU Category 6: Other Professionalization

6A: Other Voluntary Professionalization Activities:
- o Certificants can received 2 PDUs per contact hour.
- o A maximum of 50 PDUs can be earned in this category.
- o Other 50 PDUs must be directly security related.

All above information is derived from pages 39-43 Of the DOD Professional Certification and Credentialing Handbook.