



## Press release

### National Register of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO) Covid Compassion Scheme - June 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Voluntary Initiative (VI) and City & Guilds are aware that during 2020 and 2021, several COVID-19 related circumstances led to difficulties for members of the National Register of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO<sup>1</sup>) obtaining continuing professional development (CPD) points.

The VI, NRoSO Advisory Board and City & Guilds have decided to extend the NRoSO suspension period (before membership cancellation) from 45 days to 90 days. This extension of the suspension period will start from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

During this extended period, CPD points gained, will supplement any historical shortfall and lead to membership reinstatement. Members will still be required to obtain 30 CPD points for their current membership period.

Members can find how to obtain CPD points [here](#) and find their current points status by creating an online account or signing in to their account [here](#).

If NRoSO Members have had their membership cancelled since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and feel they qualify for re-instatement please contact City & Guilds at;

[nrososupport@cityandguilds.com](mailto:nrososupport@cityandguilds.com)

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<sup>1</sup> The National Register of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO) was formed in 2003. The scheme has in excess of 20,000 members. The scheme aims to enhance human, food and environmental safety via Continuing Professional Development (CPD). NRoSO provides proof to farm assurance schemes and government, of up-to-date knowledge and compliance of spray operators, in the use of handling and application of Plant Protection Products.

## New Structure for membership renewal re. CPD points.

- Introduction of the Covid Compassion Scheme – to be reviewed January 2023
  - Increases number of days outside membership term (was 45 days, increased to 90 days) that members will be able to obtain any additional CPD points to gain their full 30 points
  - Members membership will show as “suspended” on system from the day of their 3 year term ending
  - CPD points can be gained from either historical events (such as NSTS test (1 per membership year, 3 points), agronomist meetings (2 per membership year, 2 points per meeting) or new events (such as agronomist meetings, subscriptions, EIO online learning (2, 4 or 8 point course available) if held within the Covid Compassion Scheme window – please refer to NRoSO National Register of Sprayer Operators
  - Members can still operate under Farm Assurance during this period of suspension
- Membership cancellation
  - If members do not obtain their required 30 points within their 3 year period + the additional 90 days now provided through the Covid Compassion Scheme, their membership will be cancelled for 6 months
  - Members will not be able to operate under Farm Assurance during this period
  - After 6 months, members will be able to re-join the scheme under a new membership.

