**BASIS Registration Limited**Promoting Professional Standards

# Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Amenity Sector



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### Why bother?

- Use of pesticides is very high profile
- Use of pesticides in Amenity sector often very close to General public – so very visible
- Use of pesticides highly regulated
  - Sustainable Use Directive (2009/128/EC2014)
     forms over riding legislation
- Present government policy is for self regulation and red tape reduction
- Until something happens







### **Amenity Sector**

- No market information
- How many users hold suitable certification for application of pesticides?
- What system is in place to help record usage and correct application?
  - Under SUD data has to be collected by government
  - No grandfather clause from November 2015 all users of "professional" products must hold suitable certificate
  - Application Machinery must be tested by November 2016
  - Training should be provided for all users and advisors
- At present this sector is a long way behind many similar industries and in particular Agriculture



### Why Bother?

- Provide industry, with freedom to operate
  - Legally
  - Effectively
- Prove to Government Industry Commitment to good practice and training (CPD)
- Protect industry, employers, employees and clients from :
  - Additional Legislation
  - Unscientific restriction or banning of pesticides
    - Holland example



#### **CPD Works**

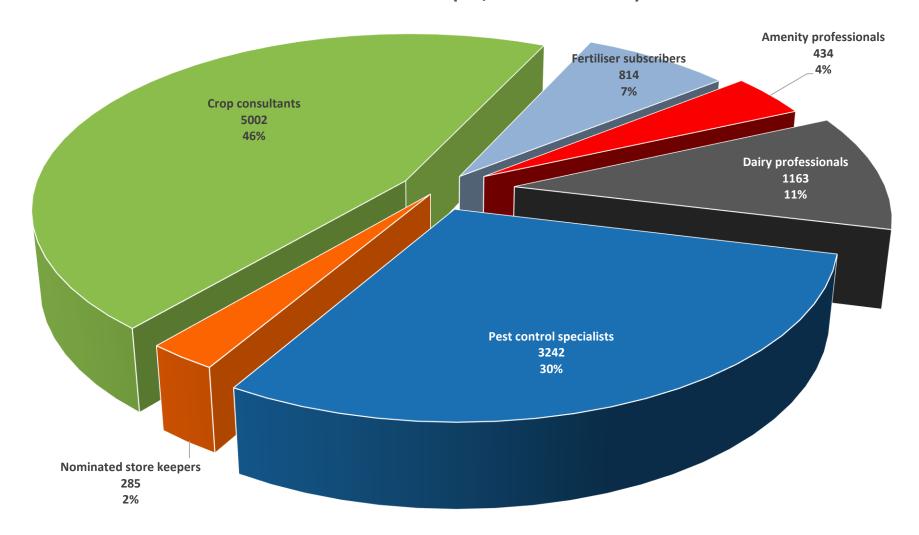
- CPD is a points system gained by attending various learning activities and/ or by participation in relevant projects / services.
- Schemes have to work for members
- Every year BASIS manages:
  - ± 2,000 training partners
  - ≈ 6,000 registered events
  - > 250,000 CPD points
  - NROSO Agricultural spray operators
    - **22,000** members







#### THE STRUCTURE OF PROFESSIONAL REGISTERS MANAGED BY BASIS **JANUARY 2016 (10,940 MEMBERS)**

















### **Amenity Sector Registered Numbers**

- Not very impressive to date –
   435 including advisors and operators
- How many Advisors / Managers / Spray operators in the Amenity Industry?
- Need to up our Game



### **Amenity Sector**

- The Amenity sector in the UK needs to show it is committed to training and raising professionalism across the industry for users and advisors
- Any scheme must be accepted across the industry
- Aid the career development of those involved
- Up to end of 2015 the Amenity Industry had two CPD schemes
  - NASOR for spray operator
  - BASIS Professional Amenity Register
- A scheme was needed to consolidate and combine these for amenity











#### **Training register:**

Operating from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015 solely for the Amenity Industry, to cover the following jobs and functions:

- Sprayer operators and IPM practitioners
- Pesticide, fertilisers and IPM advisors
- Contract managers, supervisors and specifiers
- Local authority personnel responsible for plant protection
- Network Rail Managers
- Etc.



### **Amenity Training Register**



- Pragmatic/Practical scheme to represent the sector
- Encompass all aspects of training and development
- Auditable
- Practical
- Cost effective
- Beneficial to members



### **Amenity Training Register**



- Multiple Membership Types to match applicants
- Minimum Entry requirement by each membership type
- Variable Fees Structure to suit membership
- Up to £22.50 per member per annum



### AMENITY TRAINING REGISTER



NO	MEMBERSHIP TYPE	CPD	INITIAL QUALIFICATION REQUIRED
1	Adviser	20	BASIS certificate in Crop Protection BASIS certificate in Amenity Horticulture
2	Sprayer operator	15	PA1 + PA2-13
3	Associate	10	BASIS Foundation Award BASIS / City & Guilds NPTC POWER Certificates BASIS / City & Guilds NPTC EPM Certificates
4	Affiliate	10	Students Those wishing to take training in the future
5	Subscriber	0	Interested in receiving industry updates Wish to support the amenity sector



### AMENITY TRAINING REGISTER



#### How to apply?

- 1. Complete, sign and submit the application form
- 2. Pay the fees (various, based on the number of employees per company and category of membership)
- 3. Submit the training evidence (for new members)
- 4. Once registered start the CPD process



### AMENITY TRAINING REGISTER



#### Benefits of membership:

- 1. Provides proof of <u>harmonised professional standards</u> in the amenity sector across the UK;
- 2. Keeps members up-to-date with the industry news and activity;
- 3. Offers access and assistance to a flexible CPD scheme;
- 4. Provides an <u>interaction platform</u> for the amenity professional at all levels;
- 5. Highlights the <u>socially responsible attitude</u> of Register members towards the general public and relevant authorities.



### Quality mark for: Amenity Industry

- Defined by BASIS in conjunction with the Amenity Forum, City & Guilds (NPTC) and NAAC
- November 2012: launched
- December 2015: ≈ 95 members











THE AMENITY ASSURED STANDARD



for Integrated Approaches to Professional Weed, Pest and Disease Control in the Amenity Sector



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AMENITY INDUSTRY BASIS

#### **Training for the sector - 10 courses:**

- <u>Foundation level:</u> a 4 to 6 day introductory course for staff not involved in giving pesticide advice;
- Advisory level for pesticides: 10 to 15 advanced courses for professionals from the amenity sector;
- Advisory level for plant nutrition: 2 courses (FACTS and NMP);
- <u>Environmental courses:</u> 3 courses (Soil and Water, BETA & Conservation Management);
- <u>Store keeper training</u>: 2 day course for the amenity pesticides stores.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AMENITY INDUSTRY BASIS

we have designed several possible ways to assist amenity professionals through their career progression



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Thank you

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