

Legacy Certified Planner Guidance

Legacy Certified Planners - Legacy Certified Planners are conservation planners with Certified Planner status before February 1, 2017.

Background

180-GM Part 409 Conservation Planning Policy was revised in January 2017. National Bulletin 180-17-2 was issued to establish a transition plan and timeline for implementing changes to the conservation planner role requirements.

Iowa Instruction 180-399 Conservation Planner Role Documentation and Approval Process was issued in March 2024, announcing Iowa will follow the conservation planner role requirements outlined in national 180-GM Part 409 and planners will document requirements in AgLearn.

Course Completion Guidance for Legacy Certified Planners

Conservation Planner role requirements in 180-GM-409 were compared to Legacy Certified Planner requirements. Legacy Certified Planners met all the requirements except the courses below.

The following courses were not required prior to February 1, 2017, and must be completed:

- Conservation Economics Fundamentals
- Soil Health Fundamentals
- Air Quality Fundamentals
- *See Level 3 Conservation Planner course requirements for specific course options.*

In addition, the following courses were not required prior to February 1, 2017; however, they may be waived at the discretion of the employee's supervisor, based on the planner's knowledge:

- Water Quality Webinar Series:
 - Sediment Management (Level 1 requirement)
 - Water Bodies (Level 2 requirement)
 - Pest Management and Water Quality (Level 2 requirement)
 - Water Management (Level 2 requirement)
 - *See Level 2 and Level 3 Conservation Planner course requirements for specific course options.*
- The supervisor will mark the waived courses as complete in AgLearn.

All remaining Level 1, 2, and 3 Conservation Planner course requirements:

- Mark as complete in the appropriate AgLearn Conservation Planner Program. All remaining courses were determined to be met.

See Iowa Instruction 180-399 Exhibit 3 for instructions on certifying courses as complete.