

Understanding CE Credits

The Concept of Continuing Education Credits should be understood by all advisors. Currently, CE Credits are required to maintain your designations. In the very near future, CE Credits will also be required to renew your licenses, a proposal for which, is being formulated for presentation to the Central Bank. The following is what currently obtains:

- Continuing Education Credits (CE Credits) is a programme that was formulated to ensure that insurance advisors continue to educate themselves after they have received their designations
- The CE Credit programme aims at keeping agents technically COMPETENT. Since it is mandatory to accumulate these credits, agents must therefore ensure that they participate in activities that will earn credits. Through this process, knowledge is acquired and skills are maintained and developed to function in today's dynamic and demanding environment.
- First-time designees are exempted from CE requirements for the reporting period in which their first designation is received. **For example students who attained their designations in Semester 1, 2013 would begin reporting January 1st 2015.**
- The reporting period is equivalent to 24 months.
- **For example:** January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016.
- Thirty (30) CE credits are required for the reporting period of 24 months.
- A fee of US \$50.00 is required for each reporting period (24 months)
- Click on this [Link](#) for more information on the type of opportunities for earning credits and the number of points that they carry. Remember that your LUTCF/FSS Designation is a major career investment.



Picture of North Chapter members. Congratulations to these members for the wonderful response on such an important issue.

In order to prepare the presentation for Central Bank, meetings were held with the Chapters to hear their views.

Central Bank Advisory

On the matter of renewal of licenses, the Central Bank has circulated a reminder to all Insurance Companies of Section 89 of the Insurance Act Chapter 84:01. This Section requires an application for registration, *inter alia* as an agent or salesman, to be made to the Bank on the prescribed form and accompanied by evidence of payment, of the prescribed fee and such documents as may be requested. In order to ensure that applications are accurate, the bank will require insurers to complete a checklist. These checklists may be viewed and downloaded from the Central bank websites at

<http://www.central-bank.org.tt/content/legislation-guidelines-and-letters>

Insurance Companies would now be required to submit a copy of the completed checklist signed by the Manager with responsibility for insurance intermediaries to accompany each application for registration. The effective date for implementation of the checklists is **April 1st 2014**. Please address comments or enquiries to Mrs. Nyree Brathwaite at 625 4835 EXT 2341.

Upcoming Events

South Chapter's **BLACK TIE EVENT**

Date: 5th April, 2014

Venue: San Fernando City Hall, Harris Promenade

Time: 6:30pm to 11:00pm

Tickets: \$450:00 - Dinner & Dance

TTAJFA Annual General Meeting 2014

Date: May 13th, 2014

TTAJFA AWARDS 2014

Date: May 9th, 2014

East Chapter's **SEA Kits Presentation**

Date: 25th March, 2014

Kite Flying Competition

Date: 5th April, 2014

Liming With The Stars

Date: 27th June, 2014

CARAIFA's 28th Annual Sales Congress

EMBRACE THE FUTURE

Date: 27th - 30th April, 2014

Venue: Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica

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Congress Activities

Sunday April 27	Congress First Timers Briefing, President's Cocktail, Hall of Fame Ceremony.
Monday April 28	Opening Ceremony, Platforms Speakers & Work-shops , Entertainment/ Talent Show, etc.
Tuesday April 29	Speakers Forum Competition, Main Platform Speakers, National Costumes, Entertainment, etc.
Wednesday April 30	CEO's Forums, Changing of the Guards, Tours, etc.
Thursday May 1	Departure

Wellness Corner

Long ago when our food supply was not controlled by big corporations and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), and eating was about quality and not quantity, people could take chances, thinking that the organic factor of food took care of vitamins and nutrients needed by the body. However, that time has since passed and, in this new era 'what, when and how' we eat have been completely transformed. We are currently faced with food which contains chemicals and additives and brightly coloured boxes of sugary foods with catchy slogans. Eating in cars, on the run or in front of the television sets also do not help.

Paired with the added burden of our questionable food supply, family history and socio-economic limitations, it is no wonder that our health suffers. Therefore, eating healthy or making a change towards healthy living should be of the utmost concern. We are, regardless of our social status, now faced with the concern for our



health. Eating from the same food supply therefore affords the same results to everyone - diabetes, heart disease and hypertension running rampant and being major concerns for ALL. No longer can we isolate disease to the 'old, rich, or poor' because, athletes are dying from heart disease and babies are being diagnosed with diabetes. Our only recourse is in eating healthy, both as a preventative measure and a cure. It was the great philosopher Socrates, who said 'let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food'.

Article written by Chef Bianca Savary Bianco

Congratulations to our 2013 Graduates!

LUTCF

ASHVIN AKAL
BRENT DURITY
COLLEEN GREAVES
CORINNE LABAN-MAHARAJ
DAVID WEBSTER
JACQUELINE POLLONAI
JANELLE WATTLE
JEANINE LUCAS
KURLENE PRINCE-FRANCIS
MARK RODRIGUEZ
MIKEL GRANDERSON
PETER KONG
QUINCY TYNER
RICARD SKERRITT
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DAVIKA RAMNARINE-RAGOO
DOMINIC ROMAIN
HILARY DANIEL-BROWN
JOSEPH BELIX
LURTAN PATTERSON
MRINALINI SUPERSAD
RAMCHARAN HOLASS
RICARDO SMITH
RISHA BADDALOO
ROGER MITCHELL
SHARON SINANAN

Dates to Remember



As of February 20th TTAIFA has re-introduced the Agency Managers Training Course (**AMTC**). AMTC is the industry's premier skill development program for field managers. This intensive, peer-oriented program helps participants develop and enhance basic management skills in the critical areas of planning, recruiting, selection, training, and performance management.

It is designed for both new and veteran field managers, as well as functional managers who want to develop specific skills. The picture to the left is the moderator for AMTC, **Mr. Kelvin Regisford**, Agency Manager at Guardian Life of the Caribbean. The next semester of AMTC begins in **October**.

Semester 2 of LUTCF and FSS classes resume on the 5th of May, 2014. **For more information:**