



Virginia Master Naturalist Program Certification Matrix

I've just completed my basic training. How long do I have to finish my requirements for certification?

If your training class ended on this date:	you have until this date to complete any make-up classes, 8 hours of advanced training, and 40 hours of volunteer service for certification:
Nov-06	Nov-07
Dec-06	Dec-07
Jan-07	Jan-08
Feb-07	Feb-08
Mar-07	Mar-08
Apr-07	Apr-08
May-07	May-08
Jun-07	Jun-08
Jul-07	Jul-08
Aug-07	Aug-08
Sep-07	Sep-08
Oct-07	Oct-08
Nov-07	Nov-08
Dec-07	Dec-08

I've just completed all of the requirements to become a Certified Virginia Master Naturalist. How long does my certification last?

If you complete all the requirements for certification between these dates:	your certification is valid through this date:	Keep in mind:
November 2006 through December 2006	31 December 2008	*This assumes that the basic training course ended in November or December 2006.
January 2007 through December 2007	31 December 2008	*Exception: If your basic training course ended in November or December 2007 and you achieved certification before the end of 2007, your certification is valid through December 2009 .
January 2008 through December 2008	31 December 2009	*Exception: if your basic training course ended in November or December 2008 and you achieved certification before the end of 2008, your certification is valid through December 2010 .

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Once you achieve the initial certification, all certification hours are based on the calendar year and cannot be banked. Extra volunteer hours worked in any calendar year are "gravy"; i.e. they count towards your lifetime achievement but cannot be banked for future certification years. The same principle applies to Advanced Training. This system greatly simplifies record keeping for everyone. We do recognize milestones of lifetime service achievement, so please do not be discouraged from contributing extra volunteer hours.

Examples:

1. If your course ended in December 2006, and you achieved certification in May 2007, you are certified through 2008. Any additional hours you work in 2007 are "gravy" and any hours you work in 2008 count towards certification in 2009.
2. If your course ended in December 2006, and you also achieved certification in December 2006, you are certified through 2008. Any additional hours you work in 2007 are "gravy" and any hours you work in 2008 count towards certification in 2009.
3. If your course ended in May 2007, and you achieved certification in April 2008, you are certified through 2009. Any additional hours you work in 2008 are "gravy", and any hours you work in 2009 count towards 2010 certification.
4. If your course ended in May 2007, and you achieved certification in May 2007, you are certified through 2008. Any additional hours you work in 2007 are "gravy", and any hours you work in 2008 count towards 2009 certification.