

Which Pesticide License Do You Need?

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The following will help you figure out:

- Which pesticide license you need.
- Which test is required.
- What manuals you'll need to study.
- What passing grade is required.
- Any limitations on the certification.
- The renewal requirements of your license.

The laws can be somewhat complex and vague at times. This document cannot answer all questions. For clarification, contact the Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement at (850) 617-7997, in Tallahassee.

Pesticide Certification Decision Questions

The following questions and answers are intended to help potential applicators determine specifically which certification they require.

1. Do you work for a public agency?

Yes	Go to Question #3
No	Go to Question #2

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2. What type of property are you spraying? Private or commercial?

Private property owned by you or your employer (does NOT include contractors for-hire).	Go to Question #5
Private property owned by a person or business other than yourself or your employer (includes contractors for-hire and wood treatment).	Go to Question #4
Public property owned by the public and administered by a Local, State or Federal Agency.	Go to Question #4

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3. What type of public site are you treating?

Agriculture	Go to Question #7
Aquatic (herbicides only)	Go to Answer A
Forest	Go to Answer B
Marine paint for boats & other structures	Go to Answer C

Mosquito Control	Go to Answer D
Natural Area	Go to Answer EE
Right-Of-Way	Go to Answer E
Structural or Interior pest control	Go to Answer F
Turf & Landscape around or near public buildings	Go to Answer G
Turf & landscape at golf courses, parks & cemeteries ONLY	Go to Answer H
Wood treatment	Go to Answer CC

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4. What type of commercial site are you treating?

Aquatic (herbicides only)	Go to Answer I
Agricultural (farm, ranch, grove, etc)	Go to Question #6
Forest	Go to Answer J
Marine paint for boats & other structures	Go to Answer K
Natural Area	Go to Answer DD
Right-Of-Way	Go to Answer L
Structural or interior pest control	Go to Answer M
Landscape shrubs/ beds only (no turf)	Go to Answer N
Turf & landscape	Go to Answer O
Wood treatment	Go to Answer W

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5. What type of private site are you treating?

Structural or Interior pest control	Go to Answer F
Turf & Landscape pest control	Go to Answer G
Other privately owned or rented (by the client or client's employer) property - i.e. farm, ranch, grove, nursery, etc.	Go to Answer P

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6. What type of site are you treating?

Agriculture Animals	Go to Answer Q
Agriculture Row Crop	Go to Answer R
Agriculture Tree Crop	Go to Answer S

Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation	Go to Answer T
Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation	Go to Answer V

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7. What type of public agriculture site are you treating?

Agriculture Animals	Go to Answer X
Agriculture Row Crop	Go to Answer Y
Agriculture Tree Crop	Go to Answer Z
Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation	Go to Answer AA
Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation	Go to Answer BB

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Pesticide Certification Decision Answers

Answer A

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Aquatic Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer B

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Forest Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer C

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Public Certification** in the **Organotin Antifouling Paint** Category.

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Organotin Antifouling Paint Exam. You do not need to take the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is \$100 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manual you need to study is:

- Organotin Antifouling Paint Manual (SM-042). \$5.00.

Please make note of this information. [Contact the County Extension Office in your county](#) to determine the dates and times of pesticide testing.

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Answer D

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Public Health Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer E

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Right-Of-Way Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer F

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Limited Structural Certification](#) (view complete details).

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Answer G

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Limited Lawn & Ornamental Certification](#) (view complete details).

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Answer H

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Ornamental & Turf Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer I

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Aquatic Category](#).

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Answer J

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Forest Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer K

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Organotin Antifouling Paint** Category.

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Answer L

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Right-Of-Way](#) (view complete details).

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Answer M

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Pest Control Operator Certification in the General Household Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer N

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Certification](#) (view complete details).

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Answer O

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Pest Control Operator Certification in the Lawn & Ornamental Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer P

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Private Certification in the Private Applicator Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer Q

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Animals Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer R

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Row Crop Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer S

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Tree Crop Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer T

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation** Category

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is \$250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manuals you need to study are:

- Applying Pesticides Correctly: A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (CORE) (SM-1). \$7.00. Also called the "CORE Manual".
- Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation (Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam) (SM-66). \$5.00

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Answer V

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer W

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Wood Treatment** Category.

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Wood Treatment Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is \$250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manuals you need to study are:

- Applying Pesticides Correctly: A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (CORE) (SM-1). \$7.00. Also called the "CORE Manual".
- The Preservation of Wood (Wood Treatment Exam) (SM-32). \$8.00.

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Answer X

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Agriculture Animals Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer Y

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Agriculture Row Crop Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer Z

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Agriculture Tree Crop Category](#) (view complete details).

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Answer AA

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation** Category

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is \$250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

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Answer BB

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Answer CC

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Wood Treatment** Category.

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Answer DD

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification in the Natural Areas** (view complete details).

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Answer EE

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Public Certification in the Natural Areas Category** (view complete details).

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