

# Professional Applicator Licensing Information

Professional Applicators apply or supervise, on site, the application of pesticides on the land or property of another for compensation OR apply pesticides or fertilizers through irrigation systems on the land or property of another for compensation OR offer or supply technical advice or recommendations regarding the use of agricultural pesticides.

Professional Applicators may be certified in the following categories:

- **LS -- Law and Safety**
  - Applicants taking the exams in categories marked with an asterisk (\*) must also take the Law and Safety exam. This exam covers general knowledge of pesticides, their use and disposal, first aid, labeling and laws.
- **\*AI -- Agricultural Insecticide/Fungicide**
  - Certification in this category allows for insecticide/fungicide applications in agricultural fields, right-of-ways, forests and rangelands
- **\*AH -- Agricultural Herbicide**
  - Certification in this category allows for herbicide applications in agricultural fields, right-of-ways, forests and rangelands.
- **\*SF -- Soil Fumigation**
- **\*FE -- Forest Environment**
  - Primarily for US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management personnel, contractors, and private industry personnel who control pests on forests and rangelands.
- **\*RW -- Right-of-Way Herbicide**
  - For railroads, highway departments and others controlling roadside weeds on public lands (non-crop). An applicator's certification in the Agricultural Herbicide (AH) category shall satisfy the requirement to certify in this category.
- **\*PH -- Public Health Pest Control**
  - For mosquito abatement districts and others controlling public health pests.
- **\*LP -- Livestock Pest Control**
  - For treating cattle, sheep or other livestock.
- **\*OI -- Ornamental Insecticide/Fungicide**
  - For persons doing outside urban or residential insecticide and fungicide applications, including exterior applications to residential, urban or commercial buildings, excluding structural destroying pests. (Structural destroying pest control requires the SP Category.)
- **\*OH -- Ornamental Herbicide**
  - For persons doing outside urban or residential herbicide applications, with the exception of soil sterilant applications. (Soil sterilants require the RW or AH Category.)
- **\*GP -- General Pest Control Operator (PCO)**
  - For controlling pests in and around residential, commercial or other buildings, excluding structural destroying pests. (Structural destroying pest control requires the SP Category.)
- **\*SP -- Structural Destroying Pests**
  - For persons controlling wood destroying pests.
- **GV -- General Vertebrate Control.**
  - For U.S. Wildlife Services and Plant Health Inspection Service, for controlling vertebrates such as rodents, predators, and birds.
- **RC -- Rodent Control**
  - For rodent districts and others controlling field rodents. Certification in the General Pest Control category shall exempt the applicant from the need to certify in this category.
- **AP -- Aquatic Pest Control**

- For irrigation districts, canal companies and others controlling pests on aquatic sites.
- **ST -- Seed Treatment**
  - For persons doing treatments to protect seeds used for plant reproduction (does not cover fumigation. Must have commodity pest control).
- **CP -- Commodity Pest Control**
  - For controlling pests in stored commodities.
- **PC -- Potato Cellar Pest Control**
  - For persons who apply sprout inhibitors in potato cellars.
- **WP -- Wood Preservative**
  - For persons applying wood preservatives.
- **SW -- Statewide Pest Control Consultant**
  - For persons who make recommendations or supply technical advice concerning the use of any pesticide for agricultural purposes.
- **DR -- Demonstration and Research**
  - For persons who apply or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides at no charge to demonstrate the action of the pesticide or conduct research with restricted use pesticides. (A person is eligible to license in this category by passing the SW exam.)
- **CH -- Chemigation**
  - For applying chemicals through an irrigation system - except for aquatic weed control applications. (For aquatic weed control, the AW Category is needed.
  - To license as a **Professional Applicator**, an individual must:
  - Pass a closed book exam in the desired categories with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%);
  - Complete an ISDA license application form (if chemigating, certify all chemigation systems on the back of the application form);
- Provide proof of financial responsibility. (see NOTE below)
- If an aerial applicator, please provide photocopies (front and back) of the FAA pilot license, FAA medical certificate, and current home state pesticide applicator license if applying for a reciprocal Idaho license (Mont. Ore. Utah Wash. and Wyo. ) ;
- Pay the licensing fee of \$120 (\$60.00 for 13 months or less). Federal, state, and other governmental agencies are exempt from fees.

**NOTE:** The minimum amount of coverage required as proof of financial responsibility is coverage of \$50,000 bodily injury liability per person and \$100,000 per occurrence and property damage coverage of \$50,000 per occurrence.

All Professional Applicator licensees will be required to provide proof of financial responsibility. This may be accomplished by providing the ISDA with documentation as prescribed in IDAPA 02.03.03.250.01. A Company manager may indicate that the company insurance policy covers all employees.

Professional applicators who do not apply pesticides may request an exemption from the financial responsibility requirement by submitting a request on a form provided by the department.

Any systems in which chemigation will be used, must be certified with ISDA **BEFORE** chemigation can legally occur.

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