



ISDA RULE CHANGES:

Effective July 1, 2026

New License Lengths

- Professional, Dealer, Private Applicator and Chemigation Licenses: 5-Year Term
- Expiration dates will no longer be determined by last name
- Commercial Apprentice License: 2-Year Term

How it works:

- All Current License Holders - When the current license expires, the license will then be renewed for a 5-year license term.
- New Applicants - Will automatically be on a 5-year license term starting July 1, 2026

Credit Requirement Change

- Current licensed applicators needing to renew will need to have met the previous requirements (16 credits for Professional Applicators and 7 credits for Private Applicators) The renewed license will be good for a 5-year license term and will then be subject to the 5-year credit requirements
- New Professional Applicators will need to obtain 40 CEU's during the license term
- New Private Applicators will need to obtain 15 CEU's during the license term

How it works:

- No minimum or maximum credit requirements per year - complete the amount of recertification credits required, during the licensing term (from the license activation date to license expiration date)

Aerial Applicator Changes

- New Drone-specific Aerial Category
 - Drone Applicators who currently hold the Aerial Applicator category will not need to retest or take any additional action. However, if the license were ever to lapse, the applicator would need to retest in the new AU category as well as any other applicable categories
- Aerial UAS Pest Control (AU) – New applicators applying via drone will need to take the Aerial UAS Pest Control (AU) license category exam IN ADDITION to a site-specific license category exam (For example: Applicator Core Competency + Aerial UAS Pest Control + Agricultural Crop Pest Control)

License Category Additions

- Wood Preservative (WP) and Potato Cellar (PC) categories have returned
- Applicators who currently have IP or CP on their license will need to take no action and will see no changes
- New applicators will need to take the appropriate WP or PC categories if they are making those types of applications

Note: This document serves as a general guide to aid in the licensing process. It should NOT be used as a replacement for the Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation Use and Application IDAPA 02.03.03 And Law. Please refer to the ISDA website, join our newsletter or contact the licensing department for the most up-to-date licensing information.