

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division
Pesticide Regulatory Programs Unit

Prerequisites for Public Applicator (government employee) licensing:

- 1.) **Pesticide Examinations** – Any employees working for a government agency that needs to make pesticide/herbicide applications as part of their job duties, to its own property, must be licensed with the WVDA as a Public Applicator. One must take and pass the General Standards (Core) pesticide examination and the category examinations, depending on what type of pesticide/herbicide applications they will need to make for the business that they work for, in the state of West Virginia.
- 2.) To request an exam application and study packet, contact Jessica Morris, Certification and Training Assistant/WVDA at 304-558-2209 or by email at jmorris@wvda.us.
- 3.) Government employees are not required to have one year of pesticide application experience or a degree in a related field in order to be eligible to take the pesticide examinations. A simple exam application would need to be completed and this will need to be mailed, emailed or faxed to the WVDA, in order to schedule an exam session (no exam fee required for government employees). There are currently six locations where one may be scheduled to take their pesticide examinations. Each location tests once a month; Charleston, Parkersburg, Beckley, Inwood, Milton, and Morgantown. The one testing should receive an exam admission ticket, letting them know what date they are scheduled to test at the exam location they selected. This should be received via email, unless it is requested that the exam admission ticket be mailed.
- 4.) Once pesticide examinations have been taken and graded, exam results and follow up paperwork will be mailed to the Tester. If the proper examinations are passed, this would include the application to apply for a Public Applicator's license.
- 5.) If registering a government agency as an RPAB in the state of West Virginia, along with initially obtaining one's Public Applicator certification, an RPAB application would need to be completed and submitted with the Public Applicator application. There is no fee, or pesticide license, for an RPAB.