



## West Virginia Department of Agriculture

### ***Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division/Pesticide Regulatory Programs Unit***

#### **Prerequisites for Registered Technician licensing:**

Per Article 16A. West Virginia Pesticide Control Act of 1990, page 7, (40), a Registered Technician is defined as, “an individual who renders services similar to those of a certified commercial applicator, but who has not completed all the training or time in service requirements to be eligible for examination as a commercial applicator and is limited to application of general use pesticides. However, if he or she applies restricted use pesticides, he or she may do so only under the direct supervision of a certified commercial applicator.

To apply for licensing as a Registered Technician, an employee must complete their employer's Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business' West Virginia (WV) approved Registered Technician Training Program. If your business is licensed as a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) and would like to have a Registered Technician Training Program approved for use, please contact the Pesticide Regulatory Program office to request the requirements to submit a program approval at 304-558-2209.

Within 30 days of hire, a new employee is to complete the WV Registered Technician Training Program, approved for use by their Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business employer. If this is for a business that is not currently licensed/registered with the WVDA, the business must become licensed/registered as a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business and have at least one active Commercial/Public Applicator working for the business before a Registered Technician Training Program may be submitted to the WVDA for approval.

If a Registered Technician Training Program is in place for a business, an active Commercial/Public Applicator working for the business must put the new employee(s) through the training program (within 30 days of hire).

Once the training program is complete, the Applicator that put the employees through their training must complete a Registered Technician license application for each employee that completed their training.

For non-government businesses, the completed Registered Technician license applications will need to be mailed to the WVDA with a valid government issued photo identification copy for each applicant, and the \$20 licensing fee (check or money order made payable to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture). For government entity employees, the completed Registered Technician license applications will need to be mailed to the WVDA with a valid government issued photo identification copy for each applicant to the WVDA for processing. Licensing fees are waived for government employees.

An employee can only complete a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business', Registered Technician Training Program once to initially become certified with the business/government entity. If an employee has been a Registered Technician with a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business previously, and they lose their pesticide licensing for any reason (lack of CCUs (credits) obtained to renew pesticide license for next year; expired pesticide license (did not renew pesticide license by April 01 for next year); terminated employment with Pesticide Business employer and are rehired), they cannot complete the business/government entities approved WV Registered Technician Training Program to become recertified as a Registered Technician with the business/government entity. Those needing to become recertified as a Registered Technician with a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business will be required to schedule to take and pass the WVDA's, Registered Technician examination to be eligible to become recertified with a Licensed/Regulated Pesticide Application Business. To request the exam application and study materials for the Registered Technician examination, please contact the Pesticide Regulatory Programs office at 304-558-2209.