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Pesticide Applicator/Technician Changes implemented July 01, 2025!

New One is required to be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to take the Commercial/Public/Private Applicator pesticide examinations and become licensed as a Registered Technician.

New A valid government-issued photo identification as proof of identity and age, is now required.

New Commercial/Public Applicator/Registered Technician certification category changes –

Category 3: Forest Pest Control (Category 13C: Hardwood Tree Release rolled into Category 3: Forest Pest Control).

Category 4: Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (4B: Ornamental Pest Control Indoors rolled into 4: Ornamental and Turf Pest Control)

Category 6: Aquatic Pest Control (Category 13E: Black Fly Control rolled into Category 6: Aquatic Pest Control)

Category 8A: General Pest Control (Category 13D: Mosquito Control rolled into Category 8A: General Pest Control)

Category 13: Predator Control (Previously the Miscellaneous category, Category 13A: Predator Control)

Category 14: Aerial Pest Control (Examination is now required)

Category 15: Sewer Root Control (Previously the Miscellaneous category, Category 13B: Sewer Root Control)

If you are currently licensed in one of the categories in parentheses that has been combined or rolled into another category to make the “revised” Category 3, 4, 6, 8A you will now be licensed in the “revised” category. (For example, if you were licensed in Category 13D: Mosquito Control, which has been rolled into Category 8A: General Pest Control, you will now only be licensed in Category 8A: General Pest Control and you will be able to make the pesticide applications under Category 8A that you were able to make under Category 13D. The same applies to the other merged categories. If you were licensed in Category 13D solely, any CCUs (credits) you obtained for Category 13D before this change takes effect will now reflect as your total obtained CCUs in Category 8A.

Revised Rule: Title 61: Legislative Rule Series 12A Certified Pesticide Applicator Rules (Legislative revision July 01, 2024).

61 CSR 12A-3. Certification of Pesticide Applicators.

3.4.b. All candidates for initial certification (exam or training) and recertification by exam shall present a valid government- issued photo identification as proof of identity and age.

3.5. Persons shall be at least 18 years old to be certified as a commercial, public or private applicator. Persons shall be at least 18 years old to qualify as a noncertified applicator using RUPs under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator.

Private Applicator Changes Implemented July 1, 2025!

New Requirement - Open book exam for private applicator licenses is now proctored.
Exam application fee is \$20.00.

New Requirement – License application fee is \$10.00.

Revised Rule: Title 61: Legislative Rule Series 12A Certified Pesticide Applicator Rules (Legislative revision July

01, 2024).

61 CSR 12A-5. Categorization of Private Applicators.

5.1. Agricultural Pest Control. This category includes private applicators using or supervising the use of RUPs in the production of agricultural commodities, including but not limited to tobacco, peanuts, cotton, feed grains, soybeans, and forage; vegetables; small fruits; tree fruits and nuts; as well as on grasslands and non-crop agricultural lands. This category also includes private applicators using or supervising the use of RUPs on animals and places on or in which animals are confined. Examples of such animals include, but are not limited to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry and livestock.

5.2. General Fumigation. This category includes private applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted pesticide to fumigate soil or anything other than soil.

If you are currently making fumigation applications or would like to add the General Fumigation category to your private applicator license, please contact West Virginia Department of Agriculture- Pesticide Regulatory Programs at 304-558-2209.

Refer to Title 61-12A Section 4 and 5 for the new categorization of Commercial/ Private Applicators.

Refer to Title 61-12A Section 6 for the new certification standards for Pesticide Applicators.

If you have questions, please contact WVDA Pesticide Regulatory Programs at 304-558-2209

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