

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division
Pesticide Regulatory Programs Unit

Reciprocity (Public Applicator):

The WVDA reciprocates Commercial/Public Applicator certification ONLY with the states of PA, MD, OH, VA. One would be eligible for reciprocity if they meet the following criteria:

- 1.) One must have taken their initial pesticide exams in one of the before mentioned states and one must still be currently licensed in the state where they took their initial pesticide examinations.
- 2.) One cannot currently reside in WV.
- 3.) One can never have held a WV Commercial or Public Applicator license previously.

Reciprocity is only for initial pesticide applicator certification in the state of WV.

If one meets these requirements and is interested in applying for reciprocity with the WVDA, please contact Tamara Harpold at tharpold@wvda.us. It is part of our practice to contact the Department of Agriculture that one is hoping to reciprocate from, to verify eligibility. We will need the name of the person seeking reciprocity, the state they are seeking reciprocating from and their pesticide license number with that state Department of Agriculture, in order to check on eligibility.

If you work for a government agency that is not already registered with the WVDA as an RPAB, and you are eligible for reciprocity, please contact Mrs. Harpold to request an RPAB application. We will send the reciprocal application with this application. Both applications will need to be completed and mailed, emailed or faxed into our office together, no fee required (Applicator licensing fee is waived for government employees).

If working for a government RPAB that is currently licensed with the WVDA, if the reciprocal state confirms eligibility, we are permitted to email the reciprocity application for completion. In all instances, the following items would need to be returned to our office, along with the completed reciprocal application:

- A copy of the applicant's current driver's license.
- A copy of the applicant's current pesticide license from the state they are reciprocating from.