

Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification Category Descriptions

1. Agricultural Pest Control

- **1A Plant:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in the production of agricultural crops
- **1B Harvested Crops:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides on harvested crops

2. Forest Pest Control: Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, forest seed producing areas. May use herbicides if the pest and or site are on the label.

3. Custom Ground Pest Control

- **3A Ornamental & Turf:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in maintenance of ornamental trees with a mature height of five meters or less, shrubs, flowers, turf, and the control of ticks. May treat on the outside foundation of the structure, but not within the structure. Pests may include: box elder bugs, clover mites, centipedes, millipedes, pill bugs and sow bugs, earwigs and spiders. The pest and or site must be on the label
- **3B Golf Course Superintendent** (limited to Golf Course use only): persons using or supervising the use of restricted-use pesticides in the maintenance of turf on public or private golf courses
- **3C Interior Plantscape:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in interior plantscapes. May treat greenhouses commercially with this category
- **3D Arborists:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides in the maintenance fruit trees, Christmas trees, and of trees with a mature height greater than five meters. Arborists may not use herbicides

5. Aquatic Pest Control: Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of any pesticide purposefully applied to standing or running water to control any aquatic organisms. Each application of chemical to any water body in the state requires an Aquatic permit

6. Rights-of-Way Pest Control: Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of weeds and brush, in the maintenance of public roads, electrical powerlines, pipelines, railway right-of-way, cell towers or other similar areas

7. Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health Related Pest Control: This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides as stated in the subcategories below:

- **7A General Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of general household pests such as fleas, cockroaches, bedbugs, ants, etc. in residential and commercial locations. May treat an enclosed dog run outside for fleas or dog ticks with this category. The label is the law. A band treatment up to six feet from the foundation can be made. Treating for pests in the immediate vicinity of the structure is permitted with this category i.e. a wasps nest
- **7B Termites & WDO Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of termites, powder post beetles, dry rot and other wood destroying organisms. May treat for carpenter ants, termites or other wood destroying organisms affecting a structure when traced back to a tree or fence post away from the structure.
- **7Ci Structural Fumigation Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides that vaporize and kill by the action of a toxic gas in houses, warehouses, box cars, etc.
- **7Cii Soil Fumigation Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides that vaporize and kill by the action of a toxic gas in the soil
- **7Ciii Pipe Fumigation Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides that control roots invading sewer lines
- **7D Rodent Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of rats and mice

- **7E Bird Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of birds
- **7F Mosquito & Biting Flies Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of biting arthropods such as mosquitoes, black flies, deer flies, etc. Tick control is category 3A Ornamental & Turf
- **7G Wood Preservation:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of wood inhabiting fungi, wood staining fungi, and infesting insects
- **7I Cooling Tower Pest Control:** Commercial applicators using or supervising the use of pesticides for the control of microorganisms in cooling towers

8. Public Health Pest Control: State, Federal, or other governmental employees using or supervising the use of pesticides in public health programs for management and control of pests having medical and public health importance

9. Regulatory Pest Control: State, Federal, or other governmental employees using or supervising the use of pesticides in the control of recently detected introduced pests or established regulated pests

10. Demonstration and Research Pest Control: Includes such persons as extension specialists and county agents, representatives of pesticide manufacturers, or distributors and all others who demonstrate pesticides, their use, and application. Also included in this category are Federal, State or other public employees, representatives of private institutions or pesticide manufacturers who conduct field research or supervise the use of pesticides