

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

Prior to making application for COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR certification, a prospective applicant must first complete Pesticide Control Board-approved training. Board-approved training consists of, at a minimum, self study and review of all the material contained in the most current edition of the Virginia Pesticide Applicator Certification Training CORE Manual, and other category-specific manuals related to the specific type of work to be performed. (These manuals may be obtained for a nominal fee from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Distribution Center, 112 Landsdowne Street (VT-0512), Blacksburg, VA 24061, 540-231-1325.)

In order to be eligible to make application for COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR certification, you must first meet at least one of the following requirements:

1. Must currently hold a valid Virginia Registered Technician certification, AND must have worked as a Virginia certified Registered Technician for at least one year; OR;
2. Must have at least one year of education, training, or experience in a pesticide-related field which provides at least the equivalent practical knowledge of proper pesticide use required of a Registered Technician.

All COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS (with the exception of not-for-hire commercial applicators and government employees) must either obtain, or work for a firm that has obtained, a Virginia Pesticide Business License issued by the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

1. Return completed application with payment. (Government employees are fee- exempt.) If you meet the above requirements, you will be sent a Notice of Authorization to take the certification exams.
2. Within 90 days of the date of the Notice of Authorization, report to an approved testing location to take the written exams. Computerized exams at the DMV Customer Service Centers are scored as you are taking them, and you will be notified of your score as you complete each exam. Written exams taken at VDACS testing centers will be sent to the Office of Pesticide Services in Richmond to be scored.
3. If you pass the Core and one or more category examinations, the Office of Pesticide Services (OPS) will notify you, and send you your certificate, generally within 10 work days. If you take and pass your exams at one of the DMV Customer Service Centers, you will be issued a temporary certificate good for seven days. Your permanent certificate will be mailed to you by OPS within seven days.