

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

**OFFICE OF PESTICIDE SERVICES**

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**COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR  
REQUEST FOR REEXAMINATION APPLICATION**  
**(Do not use this form for initial certification or certificate renewal)**

**CA-B**

In accordance with the Virginia Pesticide Control Act and regulations adopted thereunder, application is hereby made to take one or more written examinations for **Commercial Pesticide Applicator**. (SEE PAGE 2 AND 3 FOR DEFINITIONS AND CATEGORIES)

**Check ONLY ONE reason for requesting examination:**

- ☐ **Not Yet Certified:** Retesting for failed exams or expired authorization. \$100.00 application fee.
- ☐ **Currently Certified Applicator** testing for one or more additional pest control categories. \$35.00 application fee.
- ☐ Reinstating an expired certificate. \$100.00 application fee.
- ☐ **Currently Certified Applicator** testing in lieu of attending a recertification course. \$100.00 application fee.

This application fee is **non-refundable**. Please make check payable to: **Treasurer of Virginia**. Mail the application and the check to the above address. **Federal, State, and Local Government employees are exempt from application fees**. All certificates must be **renewed** by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year provided on the certificate.

**CERTIFICATE CLASS DESIRED** (Please check only one of the following four classes of certification listed below):

- ☐ COMMERCIAL FOR-HIRE (C) ☐ GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE (G)
- ☐ NOT-FOR-HIRE COMMERCIAL (N) ☐ INACTIVE (Not Currently Employed) (I)

**Please type or print the following information:**

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY # (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATE # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.) MM / DD / YYYY

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or RFD)

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYED BY (Company or agency you work for): \_\_\_\_\_

VA PESTICIDE BUSINESS LICENSE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or RFD)

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I request to be examined in the following categories** (please refer to the description of certification categories listed on page 2):

CATEGORY NO.	CATEGORY TITLE	CATEGORY NO.	CATEGORY TITLE
(1) _____	_____	(3) _____	_____
(2) _____	_____	(4) _____	_____

**(Please note:** If you are retaking exams and have not yet passed the Core Exam, or if you are reinstating an expired certification, you are required to take and pass the Core Exam in addition to any category specific exams you may have listed above.)

I certify by signing below that I am the person applying for certification and I have the necessary experience, training and/or education to properly apply pesticides in the performance of my job, and I agree to abide by all laws and regulations governing pesticide usage in Virginia. In addition, I certify that I am over the age of 18, and eligible for pesticide certification in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:**

Certificate No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keyed By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00  
ADDING A CATEGORY ONLY: \$35.00  
VDACS ACCT. 756-09-02656  
VDACS-07218 04/19

**(SEE PAGES 2 AND 3 FOR INSTRUCTIONS, DEFINITIONS AND CATEGORIES)**

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

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Prior to making application for **Commercial Applicator (CCA)** 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 Tech Pesticide Programs website at <http://www.vtpp.org> or [www.vapesticidemanuals.com](http://www.vapesticidemanuals.com)

**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 (B) FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

1. This form is intended only for those applicants who have previously submitted a Commercial Applicator Form A. **If you have never applied to become a Certified Commercial Applicator (CCA), please use Form A.**
2. Return completed application with the corresponding payment (Government employees are fee-exempt). Once your application is approved, you will be sent a Notice of Authorization to take the certification exams. **You may not be permitted to test without supplying your Notice of Authorization at the time of testing.**
3. 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.
4. Each Notice of Authorization is valid for only **one** testing session. Retakes are not permitted without re-applying to test. If you fail your exam(s) or your Authorization expires and you have not tested, you must re-apply to test using the **Commercial Applicator Form B**.
5. **To be considered certified (CCA), you must pass a minimum of the core exam and at least one category exam.** Failure of one or both exams will require you to retest to obtain your certification. If you have passed the Core and **at least one or more** category examinations, the Office of Pesticide Services (OPS) will notify you, and send you your certificate, generally within 10 working days. If you take and pass your exam(s) 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.
6. Once you have obtained your certification, you are responsible for maintaining an active certificate through **recertification training** and **renewing** your certificate biennially. Your expiration **AND** recertification deadlines will be displayed on your certificate. It is your responsibility to notify OPS of any mailing address or employer changes to ensure you receive updates on when to recertify and renew. Should your certificate expire for any reason, you will be required to re-take all examinations needed to reinstate your certificate.

***If you have further questions or need additional help applying, call our office at (804) 371-0152 or email [susan.odom@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:susan.odom@vdacs.virginia.gov).***

<u>Category Number</u>	<u>Category Title</u>
1-A	Agricultural Plant Pest Control
1-B	Agricultural Animal Pest Control
1-C	Fumigation of Soil and Agricultural Products
1-D	Agricultural Chemigation
2	Forest Pest Control
3-A	Ornamental Pest Control
3-B	Turf Pest Control
4	Seed Treatment **
5-A	Aquatic Pest Control - General
5-B	Marine Antifoulant Paints
6	Right-Of-Way Pest Control
7-A	General Pest Control (Including Food Processing) **
7-B	Wood Destroying Pest Control**
7-C	Fumigation (non-agricultural)
7-D	Vertebrate Pest Control (excluding structural invaders) **
7-E	Sewer Root Pest Control
8	Public Health Pest Control
9	Regulatory Pest Control
10	Demonstration and Research Pest Control
11	Aerial Pesticide Application
12	Wood Preservation and Wood Products Treatment
**	excluding fumigation

## Definitions:

**Commercial applicator** means any applicator who has completed the requirements as determined by the board, including appropriate training and time in service, to apply for a certification, and who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide for any purpose or on any property other than as provided in the definition of private applicator.

**Commercial applicator not for hire** means any commercial applicator who uses or supervises the use of pesticides as part of his job duties only on property owned or leased by him or his employer. This definition shall also apply to governmental employees who use or supervise the use of pesticides, whether on property owned or leased by them or their employers or not, in the performance of their official duties.

**Currently Certified Applicator** refers to any individual who has passed a minimum of both the core exam and one category exam and maintains an active certificate.

**Renewal** is required biennially by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year indicated on your certificate. This is accomplished by submitting a commercial renewal application before the expiration date listed on the applicator's certificate.

**Recertification** is also required biennially. This is accomplished by attendance at a Virginia approved recertification course for each category you wish to maintain, or by re-testing in lieu of attending training courses. You are required to take at least one course in a two year period, but can take enough courses to obtain four years of credit.

# Virginia Pesticide Applicator Training Manuals

## Virginia Cooperative Extension



Virginia pesticide applicator training manuals are approved by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Services, to train applicators seeking certification to apply all pesticides as a commercial applicator, registered technician, or private applicator under authority of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act. Before taking any certification exam, you should study the manual appropriate for that category.

Go to the VTPP website (<http://www.vtpp.org>) for current prices and publication dates.

### Manual List

#### Core Manual – Applying Pesticides Correctly

**Pub. 456-210.** For exam preparation for commercial applicators (for-hire and not-for-hire core exam) except 5B, private applicators (farmers and others using restricted-use pesticides on their own or leased agricultural lands), and registered technicians in all categories.

#### 1A - Agricultural Pest Control - Plant

**Pub. 456-214.** For commercial applicators using pesticides in the production of agricultural crops, on grasslands, and noncrop agricultural land.

#### 1B - Agricultural Pest Control - Animal

**Pub. 456-215.** For commercial applicators using pesticides on agricultural animals, and places on or in which such animals are confined, for control of pests directly affecting such animals.

#### 1C - Fumigation of Soil & Agricultural Products

**Pub. 456-212.** For commercial applicators using pesticides for soil fumigation in the production of agricultural commodities and/or fumigation of agricultural products.

#### 1D - Agricultural Chemigation

**Pub. 456-213.** For commercial applicators applying pesticides through an irrigation system.

#### 2 - Forest Pest Control

**Pub. 456-216.** For commercial applicators using pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, and seed orchards.

#### 3A - Ornamental Pest Control

**Pub. 456-223.** For commercial applicators using pesticides to maintain ornamental plants – trees, shrubs, and herbaceous foliage or flowering plants (other than ornamental turf) in landscapes (interiorscapes or landscapes).

#### 3B - Turf Pest Control

**Pub. 456-217.** For commercial applicators using pesticides to maintain ornamental turf in sites such as on golf courses, residential lawns, parks, and cemeteries.

#### 4 - Seed Treatment

**Pub. 456-218.** For commercial applicators applying pesticides to seeds.

#### 5A - Aquatic Pest Control

**Pub. 456-219.** For commercial applicators using pesticides in or on standing or running waters for the express purpose of controlling pests, excluding those applicators engaged in activities relating to public health.

#### 5B - Marine Antifoulant Paints

**Pub. 456-231.** For commercial applicators using marine antifoulant paints containing tributyltin or other restricted-use pesticides. Persons wishing to become certified in this subcategory are exempt from the core examination for commercial applicators.

#### 6 - Right-of-Way Pest Control

**Pub. 456-220.** For commercial applicators using pesticides in the maintenance of public rights-of-way such as roads, electric power lines, telephone lines, pipelines, and railways; and in the maintenance of fence lines, structural perimeters, and other similar areas.

#### 7A - General Pest Control (including food processing)

**Pub. 456-221.** For commercial applicators using pesticides to control household pests, including pests that infest structures, stored products, and residential food preparation areas, and pests that infest or contaminate food at any stage of processing in food processing facilities. This includes treatment of food processing areas and control of vertebrate structural invaders. This category does not include control of wood-destroying pests or the use of fumigants.

#### 7B – Mgmt. of Wood-Destroying Organisms

**Pub. 456-222.** For commercial applicators using pesticides other than fumigants to control organisms that destroy structures made of or containing wood. (Includes a 2pp ID chart.)

#### 7C - Fumigation (Nonagricultural)

**Pub. 456-224.** For commercial applicators using fumigant pesticides to control pests in structures and items other than soils and raw agricultural commodities.

#### 7D - Vertebrate P.C. (excluding structural invaders)

**Pub. 456-232.** For commercial applicators using pesticides to control vertebrate pests outside of human dwellings or other structures.

#### 7E - Sewer Root Control

**Pub. 456-229.** For commercial applicators using pesticides, including those containing metam-sodium (a restricted-use pesticide), to control roots in sewer lines.

#### 8 - Public Health Pest Control

**Pub. 456-225.** For commercial applicators using pesticides to manage or control pests of medical significance that pose a risk to public health. Federal, state, and local employees involved in public health pest control are included in this category.

#### 9 - Regulatory Pest Control

**Pub. 456-226.** For federal, state, and local governmental employees using pesticides to control regulated pests.

#### 10 - Demonstration & Research Pest Control

**Pub. 456-227.** For commercial applicators, including federal, state, and local government employees, who teach proper pesticide use, application techniques, and/or make pesticide recommendations; for research application of pesticides in greenhouses or field plots. (Includes a 44pp booklet.)

#### 11 - Aerial Pesticide Application

**Pub. 456-233.** For commercial applicators applying pesticides by fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft.

#### 12 - Wood Preservation & Products Treatment

**Pub. 456-228.** For commercial applicators using pesticides at wood treatment plants and sawmills for preservation of wood and wood products.

#### Predator Management

**Pub. 456-230.** For USDA/APHIS/WS employees seeking certification, or for background information on predator management for others.

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