

# Pesticide Applicator

Identify pest problems in and about homes, hospitals, restaurants, lawns, golf courses, ornamental plantings, forestry plantings, agricultural crops, lakes, transmission and distribution lines, and other areas where pests are a problem. Select various pesticides and determine methods to control the pests by applying pesticides and assessing any hazards involved. Pesticide Applicators may work on a contract basis, on a farm raising agricultural commodities, on a golf course, for a school, for a governmental entity, or as part of their responsibilities as a landlord.

## Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 430:33  
 Administrative Rules: Pes 100 - 1100

## Licensure Requirements

- Registration of the business entity
- Supervisory level commercial for-hire license must meet requirements of Pes 300 for entrance into the examination, which includes a combination of education and practical experience over a five-year period. Excepted is the supervisory pesticide license only for general use pesticides in the categories of B and G2, "Right of Way and Commercial Weed and Brush Control" and "Turf Pest Control", respectively, which does not have the five-year education/experience requirement and can be obtained through successful completion of 16 hours of training, and achieving successful scores on both the written and oral exams.
- Must pass written and oral examinations in both general aspects and category of endeavor
- Possess mandatory levels of liability insurance as defined in the statutes
- Operator level commercial for-hire licensees must pass written exam and work under a supervisor holding a commercial for-hire license
- Supervisory level commercial not-for-hire and operational level commercial not-for-hire must pass written examination in both general aspects and category of endeavor
- A restricted use private permit holder must pass a written examination in both general aspects and in category of endeavor
- Dealer license holders must pass written examination
- All applicants must complete the necessary applications, and submit applicable fees

## Examination

Required — written and oral for supervisory level commercial for-hire; written for all others

## Continuing Education

Must re-certify every five years. Commercial applicators must obtain 12 credits for each category, and Private applicators, 15 credits for each category.

## Regulatory Agency

### Division of Pesticide Control

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food  
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## Fees

Commercial/private/dealer examination, per category . . .	\$5.00
Commercial or private non-profit license. . . . .	\$20.00
Dealer license . . . . .	\$20.00
Private permits . . . . .	\$20.00

## Pesticide Applicator (continued)

### Reciprocity

Not permitted

### Active Licenses

Commercial: 1,431; Private: 565; Dealer: 46

### Related Training

Landscaping and Groundskeeping; Plant Nursery Operations and Management; Turf and Turfgrass Management; Agricultural/ Farm Supplies Retailing and Wholesaling; Building and Structure Maintenance

### O\*Net Codes

37-3012.00	Pesticide Sprayers, Handlers, and Applicators, Vegetation
37-2021.00	Pest Control Workers

### Additional Information Sources

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 Office  
<[www.epa.gov/pesticides/](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/)>

Pesticide Safety Education Program  
UNH Cooperative Extension Education Center  
<[extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Pesticide-Safety-Education-Program/](http://extension.unh.edu/Agriculture/Pesticide-Safety-Education-Program/)>