

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 licensees must meet requirements of Pes 300 for entrance into the examination, which includes practical experience or a combination of education and experience, over a three-year period, or a combination of education and experience
- The supervisory pesticide license only for general use pesticides in the categories: B—Right-of-Way and Commercial Weed and Brush Control; C1-Forest Pest Control and Timber Treatment; F2 – Mosquito and Black Fly (for use of FIFRA Section 25b pesticides only), F8-Microbial Pest Control G1-Shade and Ornamental Pest Control; and G2—Turf Pest Control, is exempt from the three-year experience or education plus experience requirement. This licensure can be obtained through successful completion of 16 hours of training, and achieving successful scores on both the written and oral exam.
- 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

Regulatory Agency

Division of Pesticide Control

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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

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Continuing Education

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

Reciprocity

Not permitted

Active Licenses

Commercial: 1,601; Private: 503; Dealer: 45

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/>

Pesticide Safety Education
<extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/>