

Pesticide Applicators by Type

Commercial Applicators: Anyone wishing to use pesticides on the property of another is a Commercial Applicator. This includes landscapers, exterminators, and golf course personnel. Commercial applicators are broken into two parts:

Commercial For Hire (CFH): Applies pesticides in conjunction with providing services to clients or customers on a “for hire” basis.

Commercial Not For Hire (CNFH): Applies pesticides to one location as part of their employment with a particular entity.

Private Applicators: Use or supervise the use of pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. Private applicators are broken into two parts:

Private Restricted: Use and purchase restricted use pesticides, as well as train workers and handlers under the Worker Protection Standard.

General Use: Limited to general use (over the counter) pesticides, and can not train workers or handlers under the Worker Protection Standard.

Dealers: Another area of licensing in NH is the Dealer license. Anyone who distributes or sells Restricted Use, or Prohibited-Limited Use pesticides must hold a Dealer License.



For more information on Certification and Licensing requirements in New Hampshire, as well as other rules and regulations, consult our web page:

http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/about/pesticide_control.htm

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Certification for Private and Commercial Applicators

Licensing information for the
private and commercial
pesticide applicator.



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Commercial Applicator Licensing

NH applicator licenses are category specific. They are divided into 23 areas including Turf, Shade and Ornamental, Termite, Mosquito & Black Fly, and others. A person licensed in one category cannot spray under any other categories unless it is on their license. There are two levels of commercial licenses in NH; supervisory and operational. One member of each firm must be licensed as a supervisor.

Supervisory: Responsible for deciding whether or not pesticides are used, how, method of application, and precautions.

Operational: Works under the supervisory license holder.

Commercial for Hire Supervisory

- ✓ Submit Resume Form - this lists the applicators experience with pesticides
- ✓ Obtain study materials
- ✓ Written and oral examination - this tests the competency of the applicator
- ✓ Register Firm - before issuing a license, the firm must be registered
- ✓ Insurance certificate - all CFH applicators are required to show proof of coverage

Operational

- ✓ Obtain study materials
- ✓ Submit applications
- ✓ Written examination

Commercial Not for Hire Supervisory/Operational

The process for obtaining a CNFH license is abbreviated from above.

- ✓ Obtain study materials
- ✓ Submit applications
- ✓ Written examination

Private Applicator Licensing

Private applicator licenses are also category specific. They are divided into 10 areas including Vegetable, Dairy, Greenhouse, Tree Fruit, and others. Private applicators are licensed in their major commodity group and are allowed to apply in other commodities on their farm. There are two levels of private applicators in NH; Private Restricted, and Private General.

Private Restricted

- ✓ Obtain study materials
- ✓ Submit applications
- ✓ Written examination - can be taken at the extension office in your county, or in Concord.

Restricted permit holders are allowed to train workers and handlers on their establishment according the Worker Protection Standard.

Private General

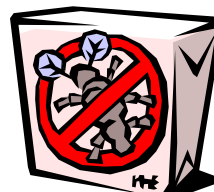
- ✓ Submit application
- ✓ There is no examination involved.

General permit holders can only use general use products, and cannot train workers or handlers according to the Worker Protection Standard

Dealer Licensing

In order to sell Restricted Use Pesticides in New Hampshire, it is necessary to have a Dealer License. Dealers are not required to attend recertification seminars, but still need to renew on a yearly basis.

- ✓ Obtain study materials
- ✓ Submit applications
- ✓ Written examination
- ✓ Storage inspection



Information for all Applicators

Exams

Exams are held each Friday at the State House Annex. Private applicators have the option of taking them at the Extension office in their county. They are closed book and based on the study materials previously obtained by the applicant. All applicants take a Core and Regulation exam, as well as the category/commodity they are applying for. Private applicators also take the Worker Protection exam.

Renewals

Licenses expire on December 31 of each year and must be renewed to maintain certification. This includes submitting:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Fee
- ✓ Use/sales report
- ✓ Credits
- ✓ Any changes in status
- ✓ Insurance if CFH



Renewal packages are sent out in September.

Recertification

This is a five year cycle where applicators renew their license, and obtain credits.

- ✓ Private Restricted applicators need 15 credits
 - ✓ Commercial needs 12 credits per category
- Recertification classes are held throughout the year and are a good way to keep current on changes in the pesticide field.

Common Problems

- ✓ Notify the Division of Pesticide Control of any changes in applicator or company status.
- ✓ Submit all renewal paperwork together.
- ✓ Out of state recertification certificates must be produced by a lead agency or extension.
- ✓ Failing exam three times requires a six month waiting period.
- ✓ Not contacting the Division with questions!