

# Private Applicator Training



## Information you need to know!

If you plan on using a state limited use or state restricted use pesticide, such as Grazon P+D, 2 4-D, Weedmaster, etc. it is imperative that you obtain a Private Pesticide Applicator License. Your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office will offer the training course 1-2 times each year. In most counties, books and study materials for the course need to be purchased ahead of time for \$40.00 at the Extension Office. Typically a registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the training. The registration fee will include the training, additional study materials, refreshments and breakfast.

The Texas Department of Agriculture oversees the testing and administration of Applicator Licensing has contracted with PSI Services to administer the exam for agriculture pesticide applicator licensing. Applicants will coordinate testing with PSI at one of their 22 locations around Texas. Details on the process, locations, cost, and other pertinent information will be provided at the training to help applicants complete the licensing process. Once an applicant has completed the training, and passes the exam with a score of 70 or above, they will be eligible to apply for a Private Applicator License.

### ***What is a Private Pesticide Applicator?***

A private pesticide applicator is someone who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural commodity on:

- Personally owned property;
- Rented property;
- Property owned by his or her employer;
- Property under his or her general control; or
- The property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

### ***What are the recertification requirements for a Private Pesticide Applicator?***

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations, and two credits in integrated pest management (IPM), prior to expiration of the license. Your county extension office periodically sponsors programs, in which you can receive continuing education units. For information on upcoming CEU programs contact your local county extension office.

### ***Change of Information***

The Texas Administrative Code (rule 7.20) requires all licensees to notify the department within 30 days of any change in the information provided as part of the application for a license. Licensees must submit a change of information form that is signed. You can scan the signed form and email it to [license.inquiry@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:license.inquiry@TexasAgriculture.gov), faxed to 800-909-8534 or mail to Texas Department of Agriculture, Licensing Division, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. This will ensure you receive licensing information from TDA.

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