INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
under the
DELAWARE PESTICIDE LAW

This summary sets forth the requirements of the Delaware Pesticide Law and the Regulations promulgated for its administration as they pertain to Pesticide Applicator Business Licenses. (Copies of the Law and Regulations are available upon request or visit de.gov/pestregs)

QUALIFYING FOR A LICENSE

WHO IS REQUIRED:
A pesticide business license is required by anyone engaging in the business of applying pesticides to the property of another within this state,

EXCEPT:
- Any person who applies pesticides on or at a premise he/she owns, leases, or operates
- Veterinarians or physicians in their professional service
- Research personnel applying pesticides to bona fide experimental plots

TO QUALIFY:
To qualify for a Pesticide Business License, the following requirements must be met:
- Submit a notarized application;
- Submit either a surety bond or a liability insurance policy or certificate thereof;
- Pay $50.00 for a one (1) year license
- Become a certified Commercial Applicator in one or more categories of pest control; and
- At least one of the certified applicators must have a minimum of two years practical experience under the supervision of a certified applicator. This experience shall have been acquired during the previous three-year period, and shall be related to the license classification at issue. This requirement applies to aerial applicators and the structural pest control industry (categories 7a, 7b, and 7c) only. Please provide verifiable proof of two years practical experience if application is for these categories of pest control.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:
- Fill in all parts of the application form (indicate “N/A” if not applicable).
- Print or type where requested to do so.
- Indicate categories in which you are applying for license.
- Complete signature portion and notarize.
- Submit appropriate fees. Make check payable to the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

LICENSE RENEWAL:
Each pesticide business license expires on December 31 or upon expiration of the liability insurance policy for the company. Notices for renewal are mailed and/or emailed by the Department on October 1 of each year. License renewals received after January 1 are assessed a late penalty of 20%.

MARKING VEHICLES:
Businesses licensed in categories 3, 6, and 7 must mark their service vehicles with the business name and Pesticide Business License number in bold and readable numbers not less than 2 inches or more
than 6 inches high. The license number should be displayed as: DDA Lic. No. ####.

**REGISTERING EMPLOYEES:**

All employees applying or handling pesticides must be registered. The following information should be forwarded with the appropriate fees to the Department:

- Name and address,
- Social Security,
- Birth date and photograph to be applied to I.D. Card.

Applications for registering employees are provided upon request. Within 30 days of an employee’s termination, written notification must be made to the Department.

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING:**

Each licensee is responsible for insuring that all employees who handle pesticides (other than a Certified Applicator) have successfully completed a Delaware approved safety training program by the Department. Written verification of approved training shall be provided to the Department before issuance of I.D. card. Such training must be completed within 45 days of employment and before the employee is registered with the Department. Online training can be accessed at: https://agriculture.delaware.gov/pesticide-management/

**BUSINESS LICENSE CATEGORIES:**

The following categories of Pesticide Business Licenses include any business which applies pesticides as follows:

1. **Agricultural Plant Pest Control** – use of pesticides in the production of agricultural crops as well as on grassland and non-crop agricultural lands;
2. **Forest Pest Control** – in forests, forest nurseries and forest seed producing areas;
3. **Ornamental and Turf Pest Control** - in the maintenance of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers and turf;
4. **Seed Treatment** – on seeds;
5. **Aquatic Pest Control**
   - **(a) Aquatic Weeds** – to standing or running waters
   - **(b) Antifouling Paints** – for the maintenance of boat hulls
   - **(c) Mosquito Control**;
6. **Right of Way Pest Control** – in the maintenance of public roads, electric power lines, pipe lines, railway right-of-ways, or other similar areas;
7. **Industrial, Institutional, Structural, and Health Related Pest Control** – in, on, or around food-handling establishments, human dwellings, institutions such as schools and hospitals, industrial establishment including warehouses, grain elevators and food-processing plants; and any other structures and adjacent areas; and for the protection of stored, processed, or manufactured products.

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

Proof of financial security required must consist of a general liability insurance policy with completed operation coverage or certification thereof from an insurance company or risk retention group.

**INSURANCE:**

Liability insurance shall provide coverage which includes all of the following:

1. Not less than $300,000 bodily injury or death for each occurrence.
2. Not less than $100,000 property damage for each occurrence.

**PESTICIDE RECORD KEEPING:**

At a minimum, a licensee must keep the following information for two (2) years for each pesticide application:

1. The brand name of the pesticide and EPA registration number
2. The dilution rate and the amount applied per area (e.g., gallons/A)
3. The date and specific area treated
4. The pest to be controlled
5. The applicator’s name
6. Weather conditions when drift precautions are listed on the label

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