



DE PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION



Information about pesticide applicator training, certification, recertification and more!

WHO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED?



1. Anyone buying or using a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) must be certified by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA).
2. Anyone using or supervising the

use of **any** pesticide on property that is not theirs or their employer's (rent or own).

WHAT TYPES OF CERTIFICATIONS ARE THERE?

Private Applicator: Producers of agricultural commodities and/or those who apply restricted-use pesticides to land owned or rented by them or their employer.

Commercial Applicator: Anyone using or supervising the use of *any* pesticide on property that is not theirs or their employer's (rent or own). These applicators must also be attached to a business with a Pesticide Business License issued by DDA.

***Registered Service Employee: ONLY APPLIES TO COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATION!** An employee of the business who works under a certified applicator and cannot apply RUPs.

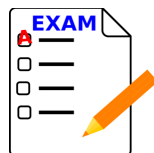
Government Applicator: A state or federal employee that applies to land/property owned or rented by their employer.

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

Private Applicator: Pass the core exam.

Commercial & Government Applicator: Pass the core exam and category exam(s).

Exams are given every 45+ days, in person, at the DE State Fairgrounds. Check our web schedule for exact dates and times. You must be registered to attend; all exams require a 70% or higher to pass.



To begin your process of becoming an applicator, you will first need to create an account at

www.dda.force.com/pesticide

WHAT DO I STUDY FOR THE EXAM?

Everyone will need to study the Core Manual. It is available free online or can be purchased from DDA along with all category manuals. You must log into your pesticide management account at www.dda.force.com/pesticide to order materials.



WHERE CAN I GET TRAINED BEFORE TESTING?

There is a lot of self-studying from the manuals required. A core exam review session is available in the mornings of our testing dates. You can register for this when registering for testing. Some category exams may have training periodically. You can always attend classes (in-person or virtual) geared towards the category *before* getting certified in it! Great way to gain knowledge!

I'M CERTIFIED. HOW DO I RENEW?

Private Applicator certification is good for 3 years. Commercial & Government Applicator certification is good for 1 year.

To renew, you can either retake the exam or have collected the required number of recertification credits. Credits are kept for a 3-year cycle, so they can be applied to renewal more than once. For every new year that comes, any credits earned in the oldest year of the last 3-year cycle expire.

HOW MANY RECERTIFICATION CREDITS DO I NEED?



Private applicators need 3 recertification credits every 3 years. Commercial and Government applicators need the following recertification credits banked to renew each year.

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Agricultural Plant (1A)	8
Agricultural Animal (1B)	4
Fumigation/Soils & Ag. Comm (1C)	4
Forest (02)	4
Ornamental & Turf (03)	8
Seed Treatment (04)	2
Aquatic(5A)	4
Antifouling Paint(5B)	0
Mosquito(5C)	4
Right-of-Way (06)	4
General Pest Control (7A)	18
Wood Destroying Pest Control (7B)	18
Fumigation Pest Control (7C)	4
Wood Preservation (7D)	4
Institutional and Main. Pest Cntrl. (7E)	18
Cooling Tower Pest Ctrl (7F)	4
Public Health (08)	4
Regulatory (09)	4
Demonstration and Research (10)	8
Aerial Pest Control (11)	4

Note: Private Applicators that perform their own Soil Fumigation or Non-soil Fumigation, must take and pass the corresponding exam(s).

WHERE CAN I GET RECERTIFICATION CREDITS?

Visit www.dda.force.com/pesticide and log in, then click on Upcoming Courses. All pre-approved events (in-person and virtual) can be searched by category.

SOME RECURRING EVENTS IN DELAWARE FOR RECERTIFICATION CREDITS

- Delaware Ag Week, held annually at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in January, is hosted by DDA, UD Cooperative Extension, and DSU Cooperative Extension. (<https://sites.udel.edu/delawareagweek/>)
- Delaware Pest Control Association (DPCA) sponsors an annual meeting in February (<https://dpca.net>)
- The Delaware Nursery & Landscape Association (DNLA) sponsors an annual meeting in January and others throughout the year (<https://dnlaonline.org>)
- University of Delaware Cooperative Extension puts on several workshops throughout the year

There are also online course sponsors approved in

most categories every year. A few of the larger online class providers are:

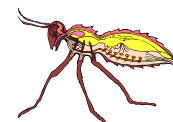
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<https://allstarce.com/>
<https://www.certifiedtraininginstitute.com/pesticide/delaware/>
<https://www.ceuschool.org/>
<https://ag.fmc.com/us/en>
<https://pested.com/>
<https://pestnetwork.com/>
<https://www.sepro.com/>

And so many more!

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CAN I GET CREDIT FOR AN EVENT THAT WASN'T ON THE PRE-APPROVED LIST?

Maybe. If you recently attended a pesticide program in Delaware or another state that was not pre-authorized for recertification hours, you may still be able to get credit. We will need a copy of the program, a timed agenda, and proof of your attendance. You can mail the required documents to Amanda Strouse, Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or email them to amanda.strouse@delaware.gov.



We can award credit if the talk covers pesticide information approved by DE Pesticide Rules & Regulations. Credit will be awarded for each session that meets or exceeds 50 minutes and addresses the required content. Event material and proof of attendance should be submitted within 30 days of the event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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