

Pesticide Application Qualification Flowchart

If you intend to apply pesticides in the state of Colorado use this chart to help you determine what qualification you need. If your situation does not fit within this flowchart please contact: [Colorado's Pesticide Applicator Program](#)

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My work is directly related to the production of a commodity (food crop, turf, nursery crops, hay, lumber).

YES

My work with pesticides will ONLY be done on my property or the property of my employer

YES

I have a supervisor that has a private applicator license that will be onsite during my applications.

NO

My Qualification Requirement:

Private Applicator License

YES

My Qualification Requirement:

Handler and WPS Training

NO

NO

If you are not a Private Applicator or an Agricultural Handler then you fall under one of these three applicator entities. These entities can be comprised of multiple workers or just one individual.

Commercial Applicator

- Engaged in the business of applying General Use or Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) in exchange for payment
- May apply pesticides on land owned by others

Limited Commercial Applicator

- Engaged in applying pesticides on land owned by employer or self

Public Applicator

- Engaged in applying pesticides on public or government property

If you work for, or intend to work for, one of these entities then use the flowchart below to determine your individual qualifications.

Limited Commercial Applicators and Public Applicators must be registered with the state if they use Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). Every entity must employ at least one Qualified Supervisor.



Click on each qualification requirement section to find out more!

My work will be done on the property of my employer ONLY.

YES

NO

I will be applying Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs).

YES

NO

I have a supervisor that has a qualified supervisor license.

YES

My supervisor will be on-site for all of my applications.

YES

NO

My Qualification Requirement:

Colorado Basic Pesticide Training

My Qualification Requirement:

Qualified Supervisor

My Qualification Requirement:

Certified Operator or Qualified Supervisor

My Qualification Requirement:

Technician Training

In order to get a CO or QS license you must take a category exam for each of the following categories you intend to work in (must have at least one) in addition to the general exam.

Agricultural Categories:

- Agricultural Insect Control (101)
- Agricultural Plant Disease Control (102)
- Agricultural Weed Control (103)
- Seed Treatment (104)
- Livestock Pest Control (105)
- Forest Pest Control (106)
- Rangeland Pest Control (107)
- Aquatic Pest Control (108)
- Industrial & Right of Way (109)

- Public Health Pest Control (110)
- Government Sponsored Public Health Pest Control (110G)
- Research and Development (111)
- Metam Sodium for Root Control in Sewers (113)
- Aerial Pest Control (114)

Ornamental Categories:

- Turf Pest Control (206)
- Ornamental Pest Control (207)

Structural Categories

- Wood Destroying Organism Pest Control (301)
- Outdoor Vertebrate Pest Control (302)
- Structural Fumigation (303)
- Residential/Commercial Pest Control (304)
- Stored Commodities Treatment (305)
- Wood Preservation & Wood Products Treatment (306)
- Interior Plant Pest Control (307)
- Post-Harvest Potato Pest Control (308)
- Soil / Non-Soil Fumigation (309)

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