

# Pesticide Application Qualification Flowchart

Use this chart to help you determine the **minimum** qualification you need to apply pesticides in Colorado.

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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

NO

YES

I will be handling RUPs

NO

YES

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

NO

**My Qualification Requirement:**  
Handler and WPS Training

**My Qualification Requirement:**  
Private Applicator License

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

- **Commercial Applicator:** Applies general or restricted use pesticides in exchange for payment. Applies pesticides on land owned by others.
- **Limited Commercial Applicator:** Applies pesticides their own or employer's land.
- **Public Applicator:** Applies pesticides on public or government property.

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

Limited Commercial and Public Applicators must be registered if they use restricted use pesticides. Every commercial, registered limited commercial, and registered public applicator 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**.

NO

YES

I will be applying Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs).

NO

**My Qualification Requirement:**

Colorado Basic Pesticide Training

I have a supervisor that has a qualified supervisor license.

NO

**My Qualification Requirement:**

Qualified Supervisor (QS) License

I have a supervisor that has a qualified supervisor license.

YES

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

NO

**My Qualification Requirement:**

Certified Operator (CO) License

YES

**My Qualification Requirement:**

Technician Training

In order to get a QS or CO license you must take at least one category exam in addition to the general exam. **You need to be licensed in all categories that you intend to apply pesticides in.**

### 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)

### Agricultural Categories Continued:

- 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 Fumigation Pest Control (309A)
- Non-Soil Fumigation Pest Control (309B)

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