

Rule 40-21-2-.01. Commercial Applicators

Commercial applicators may be certified in one or more of the following categories:

- (a) Agricultural Plant Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides or State restricted pesticide uses in production of agricultural crops, including, without limiting the foregoing, tobacco, peanuts, cotton, feed grains, soybeans, and forage, vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits and nuts, as well as on grasslands and noncrop agricultural lands.
- (b) Agricultural Animal Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, on animals, including, without limiting the foregoing, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry and livestock, and to places on or in which animals are confined; and also includes Doctors of Veterinary Medicine engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire, publicly holding themselves out as pesticide applicators, or engaged in large-scale use of pesticides.
- (c) Forest Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in forests, forest nurseries, and forest seed producing areas.
- (d) Ornamental and Turf Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, and turf.
- (e) Seed Treatment. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, on seeds.
- (f) Aquatic Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of any restricted use pesticide, or State restricted pesticide uses, purposefully applied to standing or running water, excluding applicators engaged in public health related activities included in category (i) below.
- (g) Right-of-Way Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in the maintenance of public roads, electric powerlines, pipelines, railway rights-of-way or other similar areas.
- (h) Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health Related Pest Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in, on, or around food handling establishments, human dwellings, institutions, such as schools and hospitals, industrial establishments, including warehouses and grain elevators, and any other structures and adjacent area, public or private; and for the protection of stored, processed, or manufactured products.

- (i) Public Health Pest Control. This category includes State, Federal or other governmental employees using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in public health programs for the management and control of pests having medical and public health importance.
- (j) Regulatory Pest Control. This category includes State, Federal or other governmental employees who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in the control of regulated pests.
- (k) Demonstration and Research Pest Control. This category includes:
1. individuals who demonstrate to the public the proper use and techniques of application of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, or supervise such demonstration, and includes such persons as extension specialists and county agents, commercial representatives demonstrating pesticide products, and those individuals demonstrating methods used in public programs.
 2. persons conducting field research with pesticides, and in doing so, use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides; and also includes State, Federal, commercial and other persons conducting field research on or utilizing restricted use pesticides.
 3. to be certified in Demonstration and Research would require prior certification in one or more of categories (a) through (j), above.
- (l) Aerial Methods. This category includes individuals who have been licensed by the FAA for Agricultural Aircraft Operations, and who are certified in one or more of the categories (a) through (j), and (o).
- (m) Wood Treatment. This category includes Commercial Applicators engaged in the business of pressure treating lumber and timber with preservatives classified as restricted use pesticides, to protect such products from attack by such pests as termites, powder post beetles, other wood destroying insects, as well as, surface molds and wood destroying fungi.
- (n) Antimicrobial Pest Control. This category includes Commercial Applicators who apply pesticides (Disinfectants, Sanitizers, Algaecides, Fungicides, etc.) to control undesirable or harmful algae, bacterial, fungi and viruses in homes, institutions, medical facilities, industrial and other sites. Certification in this category is not required for any certified commercial pesticide applicator or any person appropriately licensed for structural pest control in this State using general use sanitizers and disinfectants in treating for COVID-19 only.

- (o) Agricultural Commodity Fumigation. This category includes Commercial Applicators applying or supervising the application of fumigants to control insect pests in raw or processed agricultural commodities.
- (p) Antifoulant Paints. This category includes Commercial Applicators who are applying antifouling paints that have been classified for restricted use to watergoing vessels to inhibit the growth of aquatic organisms such as barnacles and algae.
- (q) Worker Protection Standard. This subcategory is for those engaged in training workers and handlers as required by EPA's Worker Protection Standard.
- (r) Mosquito Control. This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides, or State restricted pesticide uses, in the control of mosquitoes on residential, commercial and public grounds.

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