

Pesticide Applicator Licenses Issued by FDACS Mosquito Control

Chapter 388

All License Categories

Require a passing grade (70%) on the category test **and** a passing grade (70%) on the **General Standards (Core) Exam**.

Study Materials:

- Study manuals may be obtained from the UF/IFAS Extension Bookstore: <https://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu/c-114-pesticide-exam-study-materials.aspx>

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- [Chapter 388 Florida Statutes](#)

- [Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code, Mosquito Control Program Administration](#)

To apply to take exams and schedule exam testing date go to: <https://aeslicensing.fdacs.gov/>

Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to obtain a category license General Standards Core exam covers basic pesticide application safety including: pesticide law, transporting, mixing, loading, storing and disposing of pesticides, personal protective equipment, equipment calibration, pesticides in the environment, understanding labels, harmful effects, emergency response, and application procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a passing grade (70%) on the exam 	Applying Pesticides Correctly (Manual: SM-1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renews every 4 years with category 4 Core CEUs
Category	Description	Requirements	Study Materials	Renewal
Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required for persons who apply pesticides to sites in Florida for the control of arthropods of public-health significance, as well as the licensing of those who supervise the use of such pesticides Government entities or government-contacted vendors making widespread community or municipal mosquito-control applications over a large area Pest control companies contracted to perform mosquito control activities for a government agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a passing grade (70%) on the Core exam Requires a passing grade (70%) on the Public Health exam No Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Public Health Applicator Training Manual or https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/109002/file/Public-Health-Manual-2023.pdf Chapter 388, Florida Statutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renews every 4 years with 16 Public Health CEUs

	<p>or mosquito control district must have a Public Health Pest Control license or be operating under the direct supervision of a Public Health license holder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals operating a business installing and servicing automated mosquito misting devices and/or offering residential or commercial fogging and barrier treatments to clients other than local government entities must obtain a pest control business license and have on staff a pest control operator certified in General Household Pest Control or Lawn and Ornamental Pest Control. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code 	
Public Health Aerial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required for persons applying pesticides aerially for control of public-health pests -- such as mosquitoes, biting flies, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Public Health Pest Control License first, and Aerial Applicators license Requires a passing grade (70%) on the exams. No Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerial Application (Manual: SM-41) Some PHPC and aerial-application industry organizations offer training sessions. Aerial Application (SM-41) Chapter 388, Florida Statutes Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No recertification requirement For more detailed information, see <i>Requirements of Aerial Applicators in Florida</i>, available at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/PI094.
Public Health Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals applying for a position as a director of a mosquito control district or director of a county program for mosquito control must obtain a pest control director's certification before employment or within six months of obtaining employment in this role. This exam cannot be taken more than once within any four-month period. This certification is not required for anyone other than mosquito-control directors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Public Health Pest Control License No Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Florida Mosquito Control White Paper https://fmel.ifas.ufl.edu/media/fmelifasufledu/7-15-2018-white-paper.pdf Chapter 388, Florida Statutes Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code There is no training specifically for public- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No recertification requirement The Director's Exam is valid as long as the Public Health Pest Control license is renewed.

			health directors. Those seeking pest- control director's certification would also benefit by attending PHPC training sessions.	
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