Which Pesticide License Do You Need?
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The following will help you figure out:

- Which pesticide license you need.
- Which test is required.
- What manuals you'll need to study.
- What passing grade is required.
- Any limitations on the certification.
- The renewal requirements of your license.

The laws can be somewhat complex and vague at times. This document cannot answer all questions. If in doubt, consult the Pesticide Applicator Certification and Licensing in Florida published by Florida Division of Agricultural Environmental Services (FDACS). For clarification, contact the FDACS Pesticide Certification Section at (850) 617-7870 or Tamara.James@FreshFromFlorida.com in Tallahassee.

Pesticide Certification Decision Questions
The following questions and answers are intended to help potential applicators determine specifically which certification they require.

1. Do you work for a public agency?

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<td>No</td>
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2. What type of property are you spraying? Private or commercial?

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<th>Private property owned by you or your employer (does NOT include contractors for-hire).</th>
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<td>Private property owned by a person or business other than yourself or your employer (includes contractors for-hire and wood treatment).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public property owned by the public and administered by a Local, State or Federal Agency.</td>
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3. What type of public site are you treating?

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<th>Agriculture</th>
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<td>Aquatic (herbicides only)</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
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<td>Marine paint for boats &amp; other structures</td>
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### 4. What type of commercial site are you treating?

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<td>Agricultural (farm, ranch, grove, etc)</td>
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<td>Forest</td>
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<td>Marine paint for boats &amp; other structures</td>
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<td>Structural or interior pest control</td>
<td>M</td>
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<td>Landscape shrubs/ beds only (no turf)</td>
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<td>Turf &amp; landscape</td>
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<td>Wood treatment</td>
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### 5. What type of private site are you treating?

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<td>Turf &amp; Landscape pest control</td>
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<td>Other privately owned or rented (by the client or client's employer)</td>
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<td>property - i.e. farm, ranch, grove, nursery, etc.</td>
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### 6. What type of site are you treating?

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<td>Agriculture Tree Crop</td>
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### Pesticide Certification Decision Answers

**Answer A**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Aquatic Category](#).

**Answer B**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Forest Category](#).

**Answer C**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Organotin Antifouling Paint Category](#).

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Organotin Antifouling Paint Exam. You do not need to take the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $100 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manual you need to study is:

Please make note of this information. [Contact the County Extension Office in your county](#) to determine the dates and times of pesticide testing.

**Answer D**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Public Health Category](#).
**Answer E**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Right-Of-Way Category](#).

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**Answer F**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Limited Structural Certification](#).

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**Answer G**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Limited Lawn & Ornamental Certification](#).

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**Answer H**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Public Certification in the Ornamental & Turf Category](#).

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**Answer I**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Aquatic Category](#).

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**Answer J**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Forest Category](#).

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**Answer K**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in the Organotin Antifouling Paint Category](#). This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Organotin Antifouling Paint Exam. You do not need to take the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed [every 4 years](#) either by testing or with [4 CEUs](#). As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.
The manual you need to study is:

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**Answer L**
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a [Commercial Certification in](#)
the Right-Of-Way.

Answer M
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Pest Control Operator Certification in the General Household Category.

Answer N
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Certification.

Answer O
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Pest Control Operator Certification in the Lawn & Ornamental Category.

Answer P
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Private Certification in the Private Applicator Category.

Answer Q
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Animals Category.

Answer R
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Row Crop Category.

Answer S
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Agriculture Tree Crop Category.

Answer T
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Category.
This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed every 4 years either by testing or with 4 CEUs. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination. The manuals you need to study are:
• Applying Pesticides Correctly: A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (CORE) (SM-1). $7.00. Also called the "CORE Manual".
• Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation (Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam) (SM-66 ). $5.00

Please make note of this information. Contact the County Extension Office in your county to determine the dates and times of pesticide testing.

Answer V
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation Category.

Answer W
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Commercial Certification in the Wood Treatment Category.
This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Wood Treatment Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed every 4 years either by testing or with 4 CEUs. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manuals you need to study are:
• Applying Pesticides Correctly: A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (CORE) (SM-1). $7.00. Also called the "CORE Manual".
• The Preservation of Wood (Wood Treatment Exam) (SM-32). $8.00.

Please make note of this information. Contact the County Extension Office in your county to determine the dates and times of pesticide testing.

Answer X
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Public Certification in the Agriculture Animals Category.

Answer Y
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Public Certification in the Agriculture Row Crop Category.

Answer Z
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a Public Certification in the Agriculture Tree Crop Category.

Answer AA
The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Category**.

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manuals you need to study are:

- Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation (Raw Agricultural Commodity Fumigation Exam) (SM-66). $5.00

Please make note of this information. Contact the **County Extension Office in your county** to determine the dates and times of pesticide testing.

Answer BB

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Public Certification in the Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation Category**.

Answer CC

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification** in the **Wood Treatment Category**.

This certification requires a passing grade (70%) on the Wood Treatment Exam and a passing grade (70%) on the General Standards (CORE) Exam. This certification must be renewed **every 4 years** either by testing or with **4 CEUs**. As of January 13, 2010 the license fee is $250 for 4 years, both initially and for each renewal. There is no fee for this examination.

The manuals you need to study are:


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Answer DD

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Commercial Certification in the Natural Areas**.

Answer EE

The type of pesticide application that you have indicated requires a **Public Certification in the Natural Areas Category**.