

Commercial Pesticide Licenses – Certification and Recertification

You may get a call on information on how to get a Commercial Pesticide License. Below is the official definition of a Certified Commercial Applicator. It is basically someone who either owns a business or works for someone who applies pesticides for a fee or compensation.

Certified Commercial Applicators are defined by the Missouri Pesticide Use Act as: Any individual, whether or not he is a private applicator with respect to some uses, who is certified by the director as authorized to use, supervise the use of, or determine the need for the use of, any pesticide, whether classified for restricted use or for general use, while engaged in the business of using pesticides on the lands of another as a direct service to the public in exchange for a fee or compensation.

The program is administered through the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Pesticide Control at (573) 751-5504. Any specific questions, need to be directed to them. University of Missouri Extension is not directly involved with this program.

Below are the important steps that need to be followed.

Certification and Licensing

1. Contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Pesticide Control at (573) 751-5504. To register for the exams call (573) 751-5509

<http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pesticides/licensing.php>

3. Complete a Certified Applicator and Pesticide Dealer Application which includes a photo. You can mail the completed application or bring it with you when you take the exam.

http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pdf/app_dealer_lic_app.pdf

2. Register for the Missouri Pesticide Exam - To register for the exams call (573) 751-5509. The nearest location in SEMO is the Delta Center at Portageville, Mo. Everyone is required to take the Core Exam. You will also take the exam for the specific license you are requesting.

Schedule: <http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pesticides/certexam.php>

5. To study for the Exam, you may want to purchase the study manuals. Everyone will take the Core Exam; therefore purchase MX328, National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Manual. Purchase the manuals for the specific license. For example, for the agriculture pests license you would purchase, M93, Agriculture Plant Pest Control (Category 1A).

<http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=MP731>

3. If you pass the exam, you will be sent a checklist of additional steps that need to be taken including Evidence of financial responsibility – insurance certificate or surety bond

http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pdf/comm_app_insurance_form.pdf

http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pdf/comm_app_bond_form.pdf

6. If you have any questions; contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Pesticide Control at (573) 751-5504.