

Online New Pesticide Applicator Training Guide

We at Ohio State University Extension assist applicators with the training and education portion of licensing. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is who administers the tests. Currently, the only option to earn an Ohio Pesticide License is to pass the ODA test. OSUE has resources and trainings that can assist those individuals in preparing for the test.

New Fertilizer Applicator Training Certification Sidenote: You have two options to become certified. You can take a 3-hour class through Ohio State University Extension, or you can take the test through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This is different from a pesticide applicator license, where you must take the test with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, regardless of completing a training class with Ohio State University Extension.

FACTSHEETS

Ohio Private Pesticide Applicator License

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-0141>

Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Requirements

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-0140>

Ohio Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator Certification Requirements

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-0142>

TESTING

You can view upcoming testing opportunities at the links below:

Pesticide: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/plant-health/pesticides/online/exam-registration>

Fertilizer: <https://nutrienteducation.osu.edu/trainingopportunities>

Classes fill up fast so sign-up early to prevent you from having to drive far to take the test. All tests are in-person. Currently, there are no online testing options.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Pesticide Resources: <https://pested.osu.edu/>

Fertilizer Resources: <https://nutrienteducation.osu.edu/>

Online Pesticide Applicator Training: These classes will provide instruction in CORE, Grain, and Cereal Crops. For further study and to prepare for the tests, books can be purchased from OSU Extension Publications online and shipped to your house at your expense.

Take the free online class here: <https://pested.osu.edu/OnlineTraining>



If you would like in-person training rather than online, please contact your county extension office to see if they or another county is offering in-person classes.

STUDY MATERIALS (Optional, but highly suggested)

Applying Pesticides Correctly (Core Manual)

https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/search.php?search_query=Applying%20pesticides%20correctly%20core%20manual§ion=product

Ohio Pesticide Applicator Training: Core Student Workbook

<https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/ohio-pesticide-applicator-training-core-student-workbook/>

Ohio Pesticide Applicator Training: Field Crops Student Workbook

<https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/ohio-pesticide-applicator-training-field-crops-student-workbook/>

UPON COMPLETION OF ONLINE COURSE OR SELF-STUDY MATERIALS

Once you have completed online training or feel prepared to take the test, go to

https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/forms/plnt_4204_016.

From there you can download the New Pesticide Applicator application. This should be filled out before taking the test but NOT before you complete the online class. This application is for new or expired Pesticide Applicator licenses. Renewal forms (to renew a current license for the next year) are different and are mailed by the Department when needed.

The Private Pesticide Applicator license is required for any individual who uses or directly supervises the use of any restricted-use pesticide for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him or his employer.

Please submit the completed application and fee. You must also pass the Core and applicable Category exams.

Eligible categories for this license type include:

- Category 1 – Grain and Cereal Crops
- Category 2 – Forage Crops and Livestock
- Category 3 – Fruit and Vegetable Crops
- Category 4 – Nursery and Forest Crops
- Category 5 – Greenhouse Crops
- Category 6 – Fumigation
- Category 7 – Specialty Use

If you have any questions or need help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact your local Extension office and talk to the Agriculture and Natural Resources educator.

