

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

1. Each applicant must be **at least 18 years of age** and have one year of experience acceptable to the Department as a **FULL-TIME REGISTERED EMPLOYEE** engaged in those categories in which the applicant seeks to be certified. In lieu of the experience requirement, a degree or academic certificate in a biological field of study (i.e., biology, agronomy, horticulture, etc.) or a combination of education and experience may be acceptable to the Department.
2. Applications for examinations must be submitted at least one month prior to the examination date.
3. Examinations will be given bimonthly. A schedule of exam dates is available
4. **THE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT OR IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.**
5. Under "Duties" on page 2 of the application, the applicant should describe specifically the type of pest control work performed and the pesticides applied. **If applying on Degree**, applicant should describe what type of pest control you will be performing.
6. References must be able to verify qualifications and experience in the field of pest control for which the applicant is applying.
7. **NOTICE:** Each applicant must include a "Verification Of Pesticide Application Experience" form(s) (Attached) with the certification application. A total of twelve months of experience must be verified by the applicator's current or former certified applicator who supervised the applicant's pest control, or consulting, activities. For example, if the applicant worked for one company for three months, and nine months for another, two verification forms must be submitted. If the applicant has worked for one company for 12 months, only one form must be submitted. **AN APPLICANT MAY NOT SIGN HIS OR HER OWN EXPERIENCE FORM.**  
**Education - If basing application off of education, a transcript of college or university credits must be submitted instead of the Experience form. Copies of transcripts obtained from the internet will not be accepted.**
8. A copy of the Regulations pertaining to the Maryland Pesticide Applicators Law is enclosed. Applicant must be sure to have a copy of the Regulations because it is part of the test material.
9. You are responsible for purchasing your own study material. See the attached list of suppliers for obtaining study material.
10. A letter will be sent verifying the approval of your application.
11. A registration notice for the upcoming exam session will be issued. The notice will list dates and locations of the next exam sessions.
12. **Applications will be kept on file for one year. If an applicant has not taken the certification examination within twelve months of submitting the application, the application will be discarded.**
13. Please call the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section at (410)841-5710 for further information or assistance with completing the application.



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND PEST MANAGEMENT  
PESTICIDE REGULATION SECTION

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APPLICATION FOR **INITIAL**  
**CERTIFICATION** AS A PESTICIDE  
APPLICATOR UNDER THE MARYLAND  
PESTICIDE APPLICATOR'S LAW  
*(Please type or print name)*

I \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby apply for certification as a Pesticide  
Applicator in accordance with the provisions  
of the Agriculture Article, Section 5-201 through  
5-211, Annotated Code of Maryland. I submit the  
following as evidence of my qualifications:

1. Home Address and Personal Information:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

County

Telephone No.

Date of Birth

Social Security No.

Driver's Lic. No.

**PLEASE COMPLETE**

2. Current or New Business/Agency Information:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if applying for a new Pesticide Business License within the state of Maryland, or if  
applying as part of a new public agency permit, and provide information below:

Business/Agency Name

Current Md. Pest. Bus./Agency No.

Street

City

State

Zip Code

County

Telephone No.

**FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE**

Date Appl. Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fees Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Appl. Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Fee For:

License \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Category \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. No. \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Control No. \_\_\_\_\_

Categories \_\_\_\_\_

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

3. Experience Record:

Your pesticide application experience must be verified by current or former employers. On page two describe work related to **pest control** in detail (i.e., pests controlled, pesticide used, etc.) Indicate if employment was part time.

Immediate Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year) To \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Pesticide Application Duties \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Former Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Supervisor Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year) To \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Pesticide Application Duties \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***(Attach additional sheet if more than one former employer.)***

4. Education:

- a. High School - Graduated                      Yes ( )                      No ( )
- b. College - Graduated\*                      Yes ( )                      No ( )

University or College	Month/Year	Degree or Certificate	Major
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**\* NOTE: (IF APPLICANT IS APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE TRAINING, A TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.) Photocopies of your transcript will be accepted. However, copies obtained from the internet will not be accepted.**

5. Certification and/or Registration Status:

- a. Have you ever applied for certification in Maryland before?      Yes ( )      No ( )
- b. Have you ever held one of the following?
  - 1. A Pesticide Applicator's Certificate or License in Maryland or another state?
    - Yes ( )                      No ( )                      If yes, explain below.

State	Expiration Date	Phone No. of Licensing Office	Certificate/License No.	Category(ies)
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2. Have you ever been issued an ID card by the Maryland Department of Agriculture as a registered employee with a licensed business or public agency?

Yes ( )                      No ( )

6. Check only those category(ies) in which you have a year or more experience for which certification is being applied. If applying on **Degree**, please check category(ies) of pest control you will be performing.

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Months</b>
1. Agriculture		
( ) A. Plant	_____	_____
( ) B. Animal	_____	_____
( ) C. Grain Treatment	_____	_____
2. ( ) Forest	_____	_____
3. Ornamental and/or Turf		
( ) A. Ornamental Plant and Shade Trees-Exterior	_____	_____
( ) B. Ornamental Plants - Interior	_____	_____
( ) C. Turf and/or Lawn	_____	_____
4. ( ) Seed Treatment	_____	_____
5. ( ) Aquatic	_____	_____
6. ( ) Right-of-Way and Weed	_____	_____
7. Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health Related		
( ) A. General Pest Control	_____	_____
( ) B. Wood Destroying Insects	_____	_____
( ) C. Wildlife Control	_____	_____
( ) D. Rodent Control	_____	_____
( ) E. Fumigation	_____	_____
8. ( ) Public Health	_____	_____
9. ( ) Regulatory	_____	_____
10. ( ) Demonstration & Research	_____	_____
11. Miscellaneous Pest Control		
( ) A. Wood Treatment	_____	_____
( ) B. Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint (TBT)	_____	_____
( ) C. Sewer Root Control	_____	_____
13. ( ) Aerial	_____	_____

7. References:

Submit the **attached** experience verification form with application. Form must be completed by a person in the pesticide industry who can verify your qualifications and experience in the field of pest control. This person must have firsthand knowledge of your experience in the category(ies) in which certification is being applied. (Not applicable if applying for certification based on your education.)

**DISCLOSURE OF CONVICTION OF “CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE” OFFENSE**

- (a) Have you been convicted of a “controlled dangerous substance” offense **committed on or after January 1, 1991**?  
 Yes ( )                      No ( )
- (b) If you have been convicted of a “controlled dangerous substance” offense **committed on or after January 1, 1991**, submit with your application a copy (that the court’s clerk certifies is true) of the docket entries in the case(s) in which the conviction(s) occurred.
- (c) Failure to disclose this information may result in the suspension or revocation of your license.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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**Signature of Applicant** **Title** **Date**

APPLICATIONS ARE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR. IF CERTIFICATION IS NOT OBTAINED AND FEES ARE NOT SUBMITTED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, THE APPLICATION WILL BE DISCARDED.

**Public Information Notice**

Your application cannot be processed unless all of the information requested has been supplied. The information you supply notifies the Department of your interest in obtaining a license, certificate or permit under the Regulations Pertaining To The Pesticide Applicators Law, §15.05.01 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland. This information is used by the Department to determine whether you are eligible to obtain a license, certificate or permit. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct information. Under State Government Article, §10-611 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with the general public or state, federal or local government agencies.

<b>FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY</b>		
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>	<b>CATEGORY(IES)</b>	
	<b>STUDY MATERIAL</b>	
<b>QUALIFICATIONS VERIFIED BY:</b>		
	<b>REGS. MAILED</b>	<b>EXAM NOTICE</b>



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## VERIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION / PEST CONTROL EXPERIENCE

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is/was employed  
Name of Applicant

by \_\_\_\_\_ as a  
Name of Business/Agency

pesticide applicator from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and qualifies for **INITIAL** certification in the following category(ies) of pest control:

**CHECK ONLY THE CATEGORIES or SUB-CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBILITY**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. A - Agricultural - Plant        | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. B - Wood Destroying Insects              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. B - Agricultural - Animal       | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. C - Wildlife Control                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. C - Grain Treatment             | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. D - Rodent Control                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. - Forest                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. E - Fumigation                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. A - Ornamental Plant - Exterior | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. - Public Health                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. B - Ornamental Plant - Interior | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. - Regulatory                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. C - Turf                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. - Demonstration and Research            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. - Seed Treatment                | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. A - Wood Treatment                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. - Aquatic                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. B - Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint (TBT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. - Right of Way and Weed         | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. C - Sewer Root Control                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. A - General Pest Control        | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. - Aerial                                |

(See other side for explanation of pest control categories)

This form must be signed by the person verifying the applicant's experience. **THE APPLICANT MAY NOT SIGN HIS OR HER OWN EXPERIENCE FORM.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Falsification of this information could lead to regulatory action.**

# PEST CONTROL CATEGORIES

The following is a listing of Maryland's categories and subcategories of Pest Control, with examples of application sites covered by the category. A more detailed definition of the categories can be found in the Regulations Pertaining To The Pesticide Applicators Law, under section 15.05.01.08 of COMAR.

## 1 - Agricultural

**A - Plant** (e.g., field crops, small grains, forage, fruit and vegetables and noncrop agricultural lands)

**B - Animal** (e.g., livestock, horses, poultry and areas where they confined or housed)

**C - Grain Treatment** (e.g., pest control on, in or around stored grain to prevent insect and rodent damage, including the use of fumigants)

2 - Forest (e.g., site preparation, release work, insect control and reforestation projects)

## 3 - Ornamental & Turf

**A - Ornamental Plant - Exterior** (e.g., insect, disease, control on plants in the landscape, and weed control in plant beds and around ornamental plantings)

**B - Ornamental Plant - Interior** (e.g., insect or disease control on plants in interior landscapes)

**C - Turf** (e.g., weed, insect or disease control to lawns)

4 - Seed Treatment (e.g., seed protectants)

5 - Aquatic (e.g., weed and fish control in water, includes tidal and wetland areas)

6 - Right-Of-Way and Weed (e.g., treatment of roadsides, utilities, railroads, noncroplands, fence lines, structural perimeters, or similar areas)

## 7 - Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health Related

**A - General Pest Control** (e.g., cockroaches, fleas, crickets, and other household pests found within or adjacent to a structure)

**B - Wood Destroying Insects** (e.g., termites and other wood destroying insects)

**C - Wildlife Control** - (e.g., pest control involving birds, mammals, reptiles and other wildlife, **Note:** not required if strictly performing trapping and removal, must have Maryland Department of Natural Resources cooperators permit)

**D - Rodent Control** - (e.g., rodents found in and around a structure)

**E - Fumigation** (e.g., fumigation of commodities and structures)

8 - Public Health - (e.g., pest control involving mosquitos)

9 - Regulatory (**NOTE:** Only issued to employees of a public agency responsible for enforcement of government mandated programs e.g., noxious weeds, gypsy moth)

10 - Demonstration & Research (e.g., demonstration of pesticide use or application, experimental plots, etc.)

11 - Miscellaneous (Unique or specialty areas of pest control not applicable to other categories)

**A - Wood Treatment** (e.g. treatment of telephone poles, building or construction materials)

**B - Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint (TBT)** - (e.g. use of marine antifoulant paints containing tributyltin)

**C - Sewer Root Control** (e.g., treatment of tree roots in sewer lines)

12 - Consultant - (e.g., performing pest identification, providing technical advice on pest control or making pesticide recommendations. **Note:** Certification in this category is based on experience, or education, and passing the certification examinations in those categories of pest control that consulting services will be offered. Not required if certified as a Pesticide Applicator or Public Agency Applicator.)

13 - Aerial - (e.g., pest control performed by fixed-wing or rotary aircraft to any crop or land)

## STUDY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS FOR PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

Applicants for certification as a Pest Control Applicator, Public Agency Applicator or Pest Control Consultant are responsible for obtaining the study material. The following is a listing of the study material used in conjunction with Maryland's pesticide certification examinations. This listing, by pest control category, provides the title of the appropriate manual and the name of the supplier. Contact information for each of the suppliers is listed at the end of this document. The **Core** is not considered a Category of Pest Control, but everyone seeking initial certification in Maryland must take and pass the Core examination in order to become certified, except for the following categories where Core material is contained within the study material: Wood Treatment, Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint and Sewer Root Control (Categories 11 A, 11 B and 11 C). Should you have any further questions regarding the manuals used for the pesticide certification examinations, or the certification process, please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Pesticide Regulation Section, at (410)841-5710. **Note:** The Regulations Pertaining To The Pesticide Applicators Law are also part of the materials used for the certification examinations. If you received your application through the mail a copy of the regulations should have been provided at that time. In the event you obtained your application over the internet a copy of the regulations have been included. The regulations are available from MDA, or they are also available on the internet at the Department's homepage < [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us) >.

<u>Category or Subcategory</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Source</u>
Core †	Maryland Pesticide Application Series - Core Manual COR-1-B	University of Maryland
Agricultural - Plant (1 A)	Maryland Pesticide Application Series - Agricultural Manual	University of Maryland
Agricultural - Animal (1 B)	Agricultural - Animal	Cornell University
Agricultural - Grain Treatment (1 C)	Stored Grain Pest Control Publication MISC 0157	Washington State University
Forest (2)	Forest	Cornell University
Ornamental Plant - Exterior (3 A)	Maryland Pesticide Application Series - Ornamentals & Turf Manual	University of Maryland
Ornamental Plant - Interior (3 B)	Interior Plantscape Pest Control Publication MISC 0176	Washington State University
Turf (3 C)	Maryland Pesticide Application Series - Ornamentals & Turf Manual	University of Maryland
Seed Treatment (4)	Seed Treatment Publication MISC 0199	Washington State University
Aquatic (5)	Maryland Pesticide Applicator Series - Aquatic Pest Control AQU-1-A	University of Maryland
Right-of-Way and Weed (6)	Right-of-Way	Cornell University
General Pest Control (7 A)	Structural and Rodent	Cornell University
Wood Destroying Insects (7 B)	Termite	Cornell University
Wildlife Control (7 C) *	Wildlife Control	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Rodent Control (7 D) *	Rodent Control	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Fumigation (7 E)	Fumigation	Cornell University

**STUDY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS  
FOR PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS (con't)**

Public Health (8) *	Maryland Pesticide Applicator Manual Public Health	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Regulatory (9)	Maryland Pesticide Application Series - Agricultural Manual	University of Maryland
Demonstration and Research (10) *	Demonstration and Research	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Wood Treatment (11 A) * †	Wood Preservation and Wood Products Treatment	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint (11 B) * †	Safe Handling and Use of Antifouling Paints Containing Tributyltin (TBT)	Maryland Dept. of Agriculture
Sewer Root Control (11 C) †	Sewer Line Root Control	Cornell University
Aerial (13)	Aerial Application PEP 25	Pennsylvania State University

\* **Note:** The Maryland Dept. of Agriculture will continue to provide copies of these study materials until further notice. They will be provided upon approval of the application.

† The following categories are not required to take the Core examination since the Core material is contained within the Category study material: Wood Treatment, Tributyltin Antifoulant Paint (TBT) and Sewer Root Control (Categories 11 A, 11 B and 11 C).

**STUDY MATERIAL SUPPLIERS**

University of Maryland Extension  
Department of Entomology  
4112 Plant Sciences Building  
College Park, MD 20742  
**NOTE:** See Attached Sheet On Ordering

Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Pesticide Regulation Section  
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Telephone: (410)841-5710

Cornell University  
Pesticide Manuals  
95 Brown Road, Room 223  
Box 1043  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Telephone: (607)255-7282  
Internet: <http://psep.cce.cornell.edu/certification/Manual.aspx>

The Pennsylvania State University  
Publications and Distribution Center  
112 Agricultural Administration Building  
University Park, PA 16802-2602  
Telephone: (1-877)345-0691  
Internet: [www.pested.psu.edu/applicators/packets.shtml](http://www.pested.psu.edu/applicators/packets.shtml)

Washington State University  
Bulletin Office  
Cooper Publications Building  
P.O. Box 645912  
Pullman, WA 99164-5912  
Telephone: (800)723-1763  
Internet: <https://pubs.wsu.edu>

**University of Maryland**  
**Pesticide Applicator Training Manuals**  
**For Commercial/Public Agency/Consultant Certification – How to Order**

The following manuals are part of the Maryland Pesticide Applicator Training Series and are for use by individuals seeking certification as a Commercial or Public Agency applicator, or consultant. The Core and manuals for the following categories can be purchased from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) Production & Distribution.

- o Core Manual — \$28
- o Agricultural Manual — \$5
- o Ornamentals & Turf Manual — \$7
- o Aquatic Pest Control Manual — \$12

Shipping and Handling — \$6

Commercial Applicators, Public Agency Applicators and Consultants can purchase manuals in any of the following ways:

1. **Preferred method:** Order on-line through the University of Maryland **College of Agriculture & Natural Resources** at [extensionshop.umd.edu/psepManuals.cfm](http://extensionshop.umd.edu/psepManuals.cfm) and pay with a credit card .
2. **Ordering by Telephone:** Call Ms. Avis Koeiman at 301-405-3913. Tell Ms. Koeiman the **name(s) of the publication(s)** you need, **your name and telephone number**, and your **shipping address**. Ms. Koeiman will tell you how to send in payment.

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