

How do I get Certified?

A step-by-step process.

You have to be certified and licensed if you are using Restricted-Use Pesticides or applying pesticides for-hire.

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Step 1

Decide what category you need to be certified in.

There are several categories. These are usually based on where you will be applying pesticides. A few, such as Aquatic & Mosquito (Category 5.0) and Termite Control (Category 7.3) depend on what you are trying to control.

Do you produce an agricultural commodity on your land or your employer's land? If so, you may be a Private Applicator, please contact your county Extension office, if you are. If you do not, then you are a commercial applicator.

Category List and
Descriptions

Go to Step 2

List of County Extension
Offices

You are a Commercial Applicator

Step 2

Training Materials are Provided by the UW PAT Program:

- The base certification fee comes with training materials (printed manual, pdf manual or online course if available). Base certification fee depends on item selected (Printed Manual \$47, PDF manual \$42 and \$60 E-Course).
- Each applicator seeking certification needs to pay the fee.
- Training fees will be charged for each category an applicator needs certification in.
- Base categories have to be achieved before subcategories (aerial application and chemigation).

PAT will issue a personalized Training Registration Certificate to each applicator for each category.

- A certificate is provided for each certification training fee paid, (if ordered before 2:00 pm, manuals usually arrive from UPS within two work days.)
- Certificate is sent via UPS with the manual or independently for PDF manuals or E-Courses.
- **This certificate must be presented to DATCP at time of testing.**

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Step 3

Spend some time studying or reviewing your training materials.

Different people need different amounts of time to study. We recommend giving yourself 30 days to cover the material. Focus on the “Learning Objectives” at the beginning of each chapter. Training materials are reviewed and updated in 5-year cycles.

Grey boxes are not testable content, but is good information to have as reference.

Step 4

The Certification Exam is Provided by DATCP:

- The exam is given by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). There are several testing centers around the state.
- There are no additional fees for the exam or retesting.
- Exams have approximately 70 multiple choice questions. You have 90 minutes to take the exam.
- At the exam you will need:
 - a. Photo identification
 - b. Provide your SSN.
 - c. Provide your Training Certificate.

Schedule a exam with DATCP:

NOTE: If you have additional needs to take the exam you will need to contact DATCP at: datcppesticideinfo@wi.gov

**Schedule an Exam
with DATCP**

You passed the exam! You are now certified. This lasts for 5 years.

Step 5

Getting Licensed

**Individual
Applicator License**

- Apply for a license with DATCP.
- All Licenses expire December 31st.
- Multiple categories can be on one license.
- The applicator’s business also needs to be licensed.

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