

How do I get Certified?

A step by step process.

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You need to be certified and licensed if you are using a Restricted Use Pesticide or applying pesticides for-hire.

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? You may be a Private Applicator. If you are, please contact your county Extension office.

[Category List and Descriptions](#)

If you do not, then you are a commercial applicator. Go to Step 2.

[List of County Extension Offices](#)

You are a Commercial Applicator.

Step 2

Training Materials are Provided by University of Wisconsin.

- The base training fee comes with training materials (printed manual, PDF manual, or online course if available). Base training fee depends on item selected.
- Printed Manual \$47, PDF manual \$35 and \$50 online course.
- Each person seeking certification must pay the fee.
- A training fee will be charged for each category an applicator needs certification in.
- Base categories need to be achieved before certification for subcategories; aerial application, chemigation and soil fumigation can be acquired.

A personalized Training Registration Form/Certificate will be issued to each applicator for each category.

- Certificate is attached inside the front cover of the printed manual.
- Certificate is sent by email if you order a PDF manual or online course.
- This form/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.” Training materials are generally reviewed and updated in 5-year cycles.

Gray boxes are not testable content, but provide good information to have as reference.

Spend time learning the training materials.

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 test.
- To take the exam you need:
 - a. Photo identification
 - b. Provide your SSN (state law).
 - c. Provide your Training Registration Certificate.

Schedule an exam with DATCP.

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

**Schedule a Test
with DATCP**

You passed the test! 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.
- A Commercial Applicator license costs \$40.

- The applicator’s business also needs to be licensed.
- For each business location.
- Licenses cost \$70.

**Business License
Application**