



APRIL 10, 2024
8:30AM - 12:30PM

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PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

This course is for those who wish to obtain a Private Pesticide Applicator License with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Along with the course, you will receive the Texas Private Applicator Manual (B-1648) and the Laws and Regulations manual (B-5056). The manuals are utilized during the course, so they need to be purchased in advance. At the conclusion of the course, you will receive documentation to secure a test date.

**For more information and to reserve your spot at the training visit
the Washington County Extension Website at
<http://washington.agrilife.org/pat>**

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If you plan on using a state limited use or state restricted use pesticide, such as Grazon P+D, 2 4-D, Weedmaster, etc., and need a license, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be sponsoring a Private Applicator Training and Testing on **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** at the **Washington County Extension Office Conference Room**. Books and study materials for the course need to be purchased in advance of time for \$50.00 at the Extension Office. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the training. The registration fee will include the training, additional study materials, and refreshments. The training will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 12:30 pm. **Please reserve your spot for the training as soon as possible; seating is limited.**

The Texas Department of Agriculture who oversees the testing and administration of Applicator Licensing has contracted with PSI Services to administer the exam for agriculture pesticide applicator licensing. Applicants will coordinate testing with PSI at one of their 22 locations around Texas. Details on the process, locations, cost, and other pertinent information will be provided at the training to help applicants complete the licensing process. Once an applicant has completed the training, and pass the exam with a score of 70 or above, they will you will be eligible to apply for your Private Applicator License, which will allow you to purchase all state limited use and restricted use pesticides used in agriculture.

For more information and to reserve your spot at the training, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Washington County at (979) 277-6212 ext. 2 or visit the Washington County Extension Website at <http://washington.agrilife.org/pat>

Private Applicator Q&A Corner

What is a Private Pesticide Applicator?

A private pesticide applicator is someone who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural commodity on:

- Personally owned property;
- Rented property;
- Property owned by his or her employer;
- Property under his or her general control; or
- The property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

An agricultural commodity is a plant or animal grown for sale, lease, barter, feed or human consumption and animals raised for farm or ranch work. No license is required to apply general-use pesticides to produce agricultural commodities.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has contracted with PSI Services (PSI) to administer exams for agricultural pesticide applicator licensing. This is the same vendor that administers exams for structural pest control licensing. PSI has been providing credentialing and testing services to state and federal agencies, private sector businesses and professional associations for over 65 years.

PSI will provide both excellent quality exam opportunities and a convenient schedule for pesticide applicators to test in 22 locations across the state. The schedule will provide more testing opportunities than previously offered. By outsourcing testing to a third-party vendor, the Department's resources may be used in a more consistent and efficient manner.

What are the recertification requirements for a Private Pesticide Applicator?

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two (2) credits in laws and regulations and two (2) credits in integrated pest management (IPM), prior to expiration of the license.

Change of Information

The Texas Administrative Code (rule 7.20) requires all licensees to notify the department within 30 days of any change in the information provided as part of the application for a license. Licensees must submit a change of information form that is signed. You can scan the signed form and email it to license.inquiry@TexasAgriculture.gov, faxed to 800-909-8534 or mail it to Texas Department of Agriculture, Licensing Division, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. This will ensure you receive licensing information from TDA.

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