

Application for New Private Pesticide Applicator License

License Period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029

PART A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicator's First Name (use legal name) _____

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Last _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

County (use 'Out of State' if outside Ohio) _____

Phone _____

Last 4 SSN _____

Email Address _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART B - RECIPROCITY

Ohio has reciprocal agreements based on residency with several states. Out of state applicants requesting an Ohio license based on a license from your state of residency should check the appropriate box below and include a **legible copy of your out of state driver's license and pesticide license with this application.**

 Indiana Michigan Pennsylvania West Virginia

PART C - PAYMENT METHOD

LICENSE FEE: \$30.00

- Mail payment by check or money order payable to the Ohio Department of Agriculture; **no purchase orders**. American Express cards are not accepted.
- **This application and fee are only valid for the licensing period listed above.** The application is **void if requirements are not met within this period.** License payments **are non-refundable.**
- Payment may be made with one check when submitting multiple applications. This application can be duplicated.

Check or Money Order # _____

Discover

Visa

MasterCard

Cardholder Name: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (MM) _____ (YYYY) CVV _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES FOR PRIVATE APPLICATORS

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| Core | Ohio laws and regulations, safety procedures and equipment. |
| 1 Grain and Cereal Crops | Grain and cereal crops is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , to agronomic field crops including but not limited to corn, grain sorghums, other small grains, soybeans and sweet corn. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 2 Forage Crops and Livestock | Forage crops and livestock is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , to crops grown primarily for use as hay, forage, fodder, or ensilage, and includes but is not limited to such crops as corn and legumes, and to domestic animals which are held as agricultural commodities and their quarters. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 3 Fruit and Vegetable Crops | Fruit and vegetable crops is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , to orchard fruit crops, and small fruits including but not limited to strawberries, brambles and grapes, field-grown vegetables, sugar beets, sweet corn and other horticultural crops grown primarily for human consumption. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 4 Nursery and Forest Crops | Nursery and forest crops is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , to commercial nursery crops including but not limited to trees, shrubs, grasses and herbaceous plants produced for replanting for their ornamental value or for future fruit production; and tree crops produced for use as Christmas trees or for their utilitarian value. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 5 Greenhouse Crops | Greenhouse crops is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , to crops grown for food production or ornamental value under an impervious surface large enough to permit worker entry. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 6 Fumigation | Fumigation is for applications of restricted-use fumigants to soil, grain storage, greenhouse areas or any other confined areas. This category includes the application for specialty uses (see Category 7). |
| 7 Specialty Use | Specialty uses is for applications of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants , for purposes not covered by categories 1-6, including but not limited to applications for wood preservation, aquaculture, seed treatment, sod production, and for controlling pests of tobacco, ponds and non-cropland areas. An applicator only needs this category if they do NOT hold one or more of the above categories (1-6). |

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- To qualify for a Private Applicator License, you must do the following:
 - Pass the Core exam,
 - Pass at least one Category exam (other than the fertilizer exam, which is for the Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator certificate),
 - Submit the license application, and pay the license fee
- The category examinations are specific to what area or for what purpose you are applying the pesticide. See page 2 for details of each license category.
- Passed exams are valid for one calendar year from the date you took the exam.
- Applications are valid for the licensing period in which you have applied on Page 1. If you do not meet requirements within the period that you have applied, then a new application and fee will be required. License fees are non-refundable.

Study Materials

- Private Applicator study materials can be purchased from OSU Extension. County extension offices can be located on the web at extension.osu.edu. They can also be purchased from the OSU e-Store at extensionpubs.osu.edu or call the local extension office.

Exams

- All exams are currently free to take and consist of multiple-choice questions. They are NOT open book exams. Photo ID is required at the examination sites. If you fail the exams, you must wait a minimum of five business days before attempting to retest.
- Reservations must be scheduled to take the exams. People who have pre-registered will be given exams first. Walk-ins, who did not register, will have to wait or may not be able to take the exam at that time. You can register online for exams at <https://agri.ohio.gov/pesticidesonline> or by calling our office. Attendees who have to cancel a reservation should contact ODA via phone or email.

Recertification

- Once you pass the exams and are licensed, you are certified for three years. To recertify and renew your license after three years, you must have either:
 - retaken the license exams during the third year, or
 - earned at least the minimum number of recertification credits
- Recertification credits can be earned throughout the three-year period by attending ODA-approved recertification class sessions. The minimum recertification credits for the pesticide license are:
 - 1 hour of Core classes
 - ½ hour of classes in each category on your license (other than the fertilizer category)
 - A minimum of 3 hours of classes is required. If additional credits are needed to meet the 3-hour minimum, you may take classes in any category (other than fertilizer) until the requirement is met.
- In addition to recertification, you must submit a license renewal application and license fee.
- If you also have a fertilizer certificate, you will need 1 hour of fertilizer training. This fertilizer credit does NOT count towards your pesticide recertification requirements.
- Available training sessions for Private Applicators are only offered by OSU Extension and can be viewed at pested.osu.edu/privateapplicator.
- Eligible licenses can be renewed online at agri.ohio.gov/pesticidesonline.