

**IDAPA 02
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CHAPTER 03**

**02.03.03 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RULES GOVERNING
PESTICIDE AND CHEMIGATION USE AND APPLICATION**

050. PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSING.

01. Applying for a Private Applicator's License. Applicants who wish to obtain a private applicator's license shall: (4-4-13)

a. Fill out an application prescribed by the Department; and (4-4-13)

b. Take an examination based on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) core manual and score a minimum of seventy percent (70%). For the purpose of becoming licensed, examination scores shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of the examination. The examination procedure shall be the same as for professional applicators (Subsection 100.03), except private applicators shall not be assessed an examination fee. ()

02. License Categories. (4-4-13)

a. Private applicators shall be certified and licensed in one or more of the following categories: (4-4-13)

i. Restricted Use Pesticide (RU). For persons who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides to produce agricultural commodities or forest crops on land they or their employer(s) own(s) or operate(s). (3-20-97)

ii. Chemigation (CH). For persons who apply chemicals through irrigation systems on land they or their employer(s) own(s) or operate(s). (3-20-97)

iii. Soil Fumigation (SF). For persons who apply soil fumigants on land they or their employer(s) own(s) or operate(s). In order to be certified and licensed in this category, private applicators must pass both the RU examination and the SF examination. (4-4-13)

b. Non-reading applicators may be certified to purchase and apply a single restricted use pesticide when they have demonstrated their competence in the safe and proper use of such pesticide to the Director or other designated agent. (3-20-97)

03. License Recertification. In order for a private applicator's license to be renewed, the license holder must complete the recertification provisions of this section. Beginning July 1, 1996, licenses belonging to private applicators with last names beginning with A through L, inclusive, shall expire on the last day of the month listed on the chart in Subsection 050.03.a. in every odd-numbered year, and licenses belonging to private applicators with last names beginning with M through Z, inclusive, shall expire on the last day of the month listed on the chart in Subsection 050.03.a., in every even-numbered year. The recertification period shall be concurrent with the licensing period. Those persons who are currently licensed as a private applicator or chemigator on June 30, 1996, shall be reissued a private applicator license with the appropriate categories. Those persons who are currently licensed as a private applicator or chemigator on June 30, 1996, shall be grandfathered into the licensing schedule at Subsection 050.03.a. Any person with less than thirteen (13) months in the initial licensing period shall not be required to obtain recertification credits for the initial period. Upon issuance of the replacement license, the previous license shall be null and void. Any private applicator license without an expiration date shall be null and void on December 31, 1996. Recertification and relicensing may be accomplished by complying with either Subsection 050.03.b. or 050.03.c. (4-4-13)

a. Licensing schedule.

Last Name		Month to License
Odd Year	Even Year	
A-D	M-P	March
E-H	Q-T	July
I-L	U-Z	October

(3-20-97)

b. A person shall accumulate recertification credits by attending Department-accredited pesticide instruction seminars. (3-20-97)

i. A minimum of six (6) credits shall be earned during each recertification period. (3-23-98)

ii. Guidelines for obtaining recertification credits shall be the same as for professional applicators, as described in Subsections 100.04.a.ii. through 100.04.a.v. Any credits accumulated beyond the required six (6) in a recertification period may not be carried over to the next recertification period. (3-23-98)

iii. Upon earning the recertification credits as described above, a person shall be considered by the Department to be recertified and eligible for license renewal for the next licensing period, provided that the license renewal application is submitted within twelve (12) months from the expiration date of the license. ()

c. A person shall pass the Department's private applicator recertification examination(s) for all categories in which the person intends to license with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%). (3-20-97)

i. Recertification examinations may be taken by a person beginning the thirteenth (13th) month of the license period. (3-20-97)

ii. The examination procedures as outlined in Subsection 100.03 shall be followed, except that an examination fee shall not be assessed. (3-20-97)

iii. Upon passing the recertification examinations, a person shall be considered by the Department to be recertified and eligible for license renewal for the next licensing period. For the purpose of becoming licensed, Recertification examination scores shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of the examination for the purpose of becoming licensed. ()

051. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. LICENSING PROFESSIONAL APPLICATORS AND PESTICIDE DEALERS.

01. Demonstration of Competence. (3-20-97)

a. Professional applicators shall not recommend the application or make an application of any pesticide for any purpose, unless they have demonstrated competence for that purpose, which competence must be demonstrated by passing Department examinations and becoming licensed in the appropriate categories listed in Subsection 100.02. (3-20-97)

b. An applicant shall demonstrate competency in the following areas: (3-20-97)

- i. Labels and labeling, including terminology, instructions, format, warnings and symbols. (3-20-97)
- ii. Safety factors and procedures, including protective clothing and equipment, first aid, toxicity, symptoms of poisoning, storage, handling, transportation and disposal. (3-20-97)
- iii. Laws, rules, and regulations governing pesticides. (3-20-97)
- iv. Environmental considerations, including the effect of climate and physical or geographical factors on pesticides, and the effects of pesticides on the environment, and the animals and plants living in it. (3-20-97)
- v. Mixing and loading, including interpretation of labels, safety precautions, compatibility of mixtures, and protection of the environment. (3-20-97)
- vi. Methods of use or application, including types of equipment, calibration, application techniques, and prevention of drift and other types of pesticide migration. (3-20-97)
- vii. Pests to be controlled, including identification, damage characteristics, biology and habitat. (3-20-97)
- viii. Types of pesticides, including formulations, mode of action, toxicity, persistence, and hazards of use. (3-20-97)
- ix. Chemigation practices involving the application of chemicals through irrigation systems, calibration, management, and equipment requirements. (4-5-00)
- x. For use of the Livestock Protection Collar (LPC), in addition to the requirements of Subsection 100.01.b.i. through 100.01.b.viii., professional applicators shall have training in and knowledge of the following: (3-19-99)
 - (1) Characteristics and habits of predatory animals, and particularly, coyotes. (3-19-99)
 - (2) Properties of the collars and of Sodium Fluoroacetate (Compound 1080). (3-19-99)
 - (3) Recordkeeping requirements set forth in Subsection 150.01 that will additionally include a record of each animal found poisoned or suspected of having been poisoned as a result of the use of Compound 1080, including target and non-target species. (3-19-99)
 - (4) The requirement for immediate reporting of suspected poisonings of non-target species and suspected poisonings of humans or domestic animals by the use of Compound 1080 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). (3-19-99)
 - (5) How to properly dispose of animal remains, vegetation, or soil contaminated by a punctured LPC. (3-19-99)
 - (6) Practical treatment of Compound 1080 poisonings in humans and domestic animals. (3-19-99)
 - (7) Safe handling, attachment, and storage of LPC collars. (3-19-99)
 - (8) The requirement to post and maintain bilingual (English/Spanish or other second language appropriate for the region) signs at logical points of access to areas where LPCs are in use. (3-19-99)
 - (9) The requirement to perform inspections once every week to ensure that collars in use are accounted for, properly positioned, and intact. (3-19-99)
 - (10) Knowledge of alternative controls of predation. (4-5-00)

xi. For use of the LPC, in addition to the requirements of Subsections 100.01.b.i. through 100.01.b.x., professional applicators shall have training in and the ability to: (3-19-99)

(1) Recognize potential hazards to humans, domestic animals, and non-target wildlife from the use of the LPC. (3-19-99)

(2) Read and understand the labeling specific to the LPC. (3-19-99)

(3) Recognize general symptoms of poisoning by Compound 1080 in humans and domestic animals and take appropriate action. (3-19-99)

(4) Recognize where the LPC can be used safely and effectively and, conversely, where alternative methods of control would be more appropriate. (3-19-99)

(5) Assess damaged LPCs to determine which can be repaired and which must be disposed of properly. (3-19-99)

(6) Properly dispose of the LPCs. (3-19-99)

02. Certification. A person shall be certified by passing Department examinations with a minimum of seventy percent (70%) in the applicable pesticide categories. For the purpose of becoming licensed, examination scores shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of the examination. ()

a. Professional applicators shall be certified and licensed in one (1) or more of the following categories: (3-20-97)

i. Law and Safety (LS). This shall include general knowledge of pesticides including proper use and disposal, product characteristics, first aid, labeling, and laws. Certification in this category is required when certifying in Subsections 100.02.a.ii. through 100.02.a.ix. (3-20-97)

ii. Agriculture. For persons conducting field crop applications. Agriculture Herbicide (AH). Certification in this category shall also certify a person to make herbicide applications in rights-of-way, forests, and rangelands. Agriculture Insecticide/Fungicide (AI). Certification in this category shall also certify a person to make insecticide/fungicide applications in rights-of-way, forests, and rangelands. Soil Fumigation (SF). (4-5-00)

iii. Forest Environment (FE). For U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management personnel, contractors, and private industry personnel who control pests in forests and on rangelands. (3-20-97)

iv. Right-of-Way Herbicide (RW). For railroads, highway departments and others, for roadside weed control, soil sterilant herbicides, and weed control on public lands (non-crop). Certification in the Agricultural Herbicide category shall exempt the applicant from the need to certify in this category. (3-20-97)

v. Public Health Pest (PH). For abatement districts and others controlling mosquitoes and other public health pests. (3-20-97)

vi. Livestock Pest Control (LP). For persons treating livestock pests. (3-20-97)

vii. Ornamental Herbicide (OH). For persons conducting outside urban or residential herbicide applications, with the exception of soil sterilant applications (see Subsection 100.02.a.iv.). Ornamental Insecticide/Fungicide (OI). For persons doing outside urban or residential insecticide and fungicide applications, including exterior applications to residential, urban or commercial buildings, excluding structural destroying pests (see Subsection 100.02.a.ix.). (4-5-00)

viii. General Pest Control Operations (GP). For persons controlling pests in and around residential, commercial, or other buildings, excluding structural destroying pests. (3-20-97)

- ix. Structural Destroying Pest (SP). For persons involved in the control of pests which destroy wooden structures, such as bridges, houses, offices, and warehouses. (3-20-97)
- x. General Vertebrate Control (GV). For Wildlife Services (WS) personnel of the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for controlling vertebrates such as rodents, predators, and birds. (4-5-00)
- xi. Rodent Control (RC). For rodent districts and others, for the control of field rodents. Certification in the General Pest Control category shall exempt the applicant from the need to certify in this category. (3-20-97)
- xii. Aquatic Weed and Pest Control (AW). For irrigation districts, canal companies and others, for weed and pest control on aquatic sites. (4-5-00)
- xiii. Seed Treatment (ST). For persons doing treatments to protect seeds used for plant reproduction. (3-20-97)
- xiv. Commodity Pest Control (CP). For persons controlling pests in stored commodities. (3-20-97)
- xv. Potato Cellar Pest Control (PC). For persons who apply sprout inhibitors in potato cellars. (3-20-97)
- xvi. Wood Preservative (WP). For persons who apply wood preservatives. (3-20-97)
- xvii. Pest Control Consultant-Statewide (SW). For persons who make recommendations or supply technical advice concerning the use of any pesticide for agricultural purposes. (3-20-97)
- xviii. Demonstration and Research (DR). For persons who apply or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides at no charge to demonstrate the action of the pesticide or conduct research with restricted use pesticides. A person shall be eligible to license in this category by passing the Pest Control Consultant examination. (3-20-97)
- xix. Chemigation (CH). For persons who apply chemicals through an irrigation system, excluding Aquatic Weed and Pest Control applicators (see Subsection 100.02.xii.). (4-5-00)
- xx. Livestock Protection Collars (LPC). For use of Livestock Protection Collars (LPC) containing the restricted use pesticide Compound 1080 to control predatory coyotes. (3-19-99)
- b.** Pesticide Dealers shall be certified and licensed in any category listed in Subsection 100.02 that pertains to the types of restricted use pesticides sold or distributed. (3-23-98)
- c.** Persons with an active license category on June 30, 1996, shall retain said category under the rules which became effective on July 1, 1996, until the expiration of the certification period or suspension of the license by the Department. (3-23-98)
- d.** Mixer-Loaders. Effective December 31, 1998, mixer-loader licenses issued by the Department shall expire. No person shall act as a mixer-loader for a professional applicator without first obtaining annual training. (3-23-98)
- i. Training shall be conducted and certified by the professional applicator who employs the mixer-loader. Certification of training shall be on a form prescribed by the Department and must include the signatures of both the mixer-loader and the professional applicator providing the training. (3-23-98)
- ii. Training shall include areas relevant to the pesticide mixing and loading operation and instruction on the interpretation of pesticide labels, safety precautions, first aid, compatibility of mixtures, and protection of the environment. (3-23-98)

iii. Employers of mixer-loaders shall comply with federal and state laws related to hazardous occupations and shall provide and ensure the use of personal protective equipment required in the label directions. (3-23-98)

03. Department Examination Procedures. (3-20-97)

a. Examinations shall be administered by a designated agent. (3-20-97)

b. To pass a Department examination, professional applicators and pesticide dealers shall obtain a score of seventy percent (70%) or higher. (3-20-97)

c. Payment of examination fees shall be received by the Idaho Department of Agriculture before examination results may be released. (3-20-97)

d. A minimum waiting period of one (1) week shall be required before an applicant may retake an examination. (4-6-05)

04. Licensing Periods and Recertification. Beginning August 31, 2000, Pesticide Dealer licenses shall expire on August 31, of even numbered years and have a twenty-four (24) month duration. A Pesticide Dealer License application form shall accompany each new license or license renewal request. Professional applicator licenses shall be renewed by satisfying the recertification provisions of this section. Licenses belonging to professional applicators with last names beginning with A through L, inclusive, shall expire on the last day of the year in every odd-numbered year, and licenses belonging to professional applicators with last names beginning with M through Z, inclusive, shall expire on the last day of the year in every even-numbered year. Any professional applicator with less than thirteen (13) months in the licensing period shall not be required to obtain recertification credits during the initial licensing period. The recertification period for professional applicators shall be concurrent with their two (2) year licensing period. Recertification requirements may be accomplished by complying with either Subsection 100.04.a. or 100.04.b. (4-5-00)

a. A person shall accumulate recertification credits by attending Department-accredited pesticide instruction seminars. (3-20-97)

i. A minimum of fifteen (15) credits shall be earned by a professional applicator during each recertification period. (3-23-98)

ii. A completed request for accreditation of a seminar shall be received by the Department not less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled seminar. Such a request shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the Department. Under exceptional circumstances, as described in writing by the person requesting accreditation, the thirty (30) day requirement may be waived. (3-20-97)

iii. Credit will be given only for those parts of seminars that deal with pesticide subjects as listed in Subsection 100.01.b. No credit will be given for training given to persons to prepare them for initial certification. (3-20-97)

iv. The number of credits assigned in advance for a seminar, or a part of a seminar, shall be tentative, and may be revised by the Department if it is later found that the training does not comply with Subsection 100.04.a.iii. (3-20-97)

v. Effective July 1, 1998, a recertification credit shall be based upon one (1) credit for each one (1) hour of instruction, as described in Subsection 100.04.a.iii. Should an applicator's recertification period include credits earned prior to July 1, 1998, those credits based on one hundred fifty (150) minutes of instruction shall be converted to three (3) credits for recertification purposes. (3-23-98)

vi. Verification of attendance at a seminar shall be accomplished by validating the attendee's pesticide license, using a stamp, sticker, or other method approved by the Department. A designated agent shall ensure that such attendance records are properly completed. Verification of attendance must be submitted with the

license renewal application. (3-20-97)

vii. If a person has accumulated more than fifteen (15) credits during the recertification period, the excess credits may not be carried over to the next recertification period. (3-23-98)

viii. Upon earning the recertification credits as described above, a person shall be considered by the Department to be recertified for the next recertification period corresponding with the next issuance of a license, provided that the license renewal application is submitted within 12 months from the expiration date of the license. (

b. A person shall pass the Department's recertification examinations for all categories in which a person intends to license. (3-20-97)

i. Recertification examinations may be taken by a professional applicator beginning the thirteenth month of the recertification period. (3-23-98)

ii. The examination procedures as outlined in Subsection 100.03 shall be followed. (3-23-98)

iii. In addition to examinations for categories listed under Subsections 100.02.a.ii. through 100.02.a.ix., a person must also pass a Law and Safety recertification examination. (3-23-98)

iv. Recertification shall not be achieved by passing an entry-level examination. (3-20-97)

v. Upon passing the recertification examination(s), a person shall be considered by the Department to be recertified for the next recertification period. (3-20-97)

c. Any person who fails to accumulate the required recertification credits prior to the expiration date of their license shall be required to pass the appropriate recertification examination(s) before being licensed. (3-20-97)

05. Licensed Professional Applicator. Only a licensed professional applicator shall operate or supervise the operation of commercial application equipment by being present during the time of operation. Licensed professional applicators that start the application of chemicals through chemigation equipment do not have to be present during the entire application, but must return to monitor the proper application at least once every four (4) hours for the duration of the application. (3-29-12)

06. Interim Exemption from Pesticide Dealer Licensing and Recordkeeping. Until such time as the director promulgates specific rules pertaining to distribution of general use pesticides (GUPs), persons selling only GUPs shall not be required to obtain a pesticide dealer license or maintain distribution records of these products. (3-30-01)