

When is a Pesticide Applicator license required?

Do you want to purchase or use a Restricted-Use pesticide (RUP) on your property or the property of your employer in the production of an agricultural, horticultural or forestry commodity?

Yes

You must obtain a **Private Applicator license**

Do you want to supervise the use of a Restricted-Use pesticide (RUP) on your property or the property of your employer in the production of an agricultural, horticultural or forestry commodity?

Yes

You must obtain a **Private Applicator license**

You do not meet the requirements for obtaining either a Private Applicator license or a Commercial Applicator license, but wish to know more about properly applying pesticides.

Obtain a Georgia Competent Applicators of Pesticides Program (GCAPP) certificate by completing the GCAPP training. More information can be found on the UGA Pesticide Safety Education Program website (<https://extension.uga.edu/programs-services/pesticide-safety-education.html>) or ask at your county Extension office.

Do you want to purchase, use, or supervise the use of a general use or Restricted-Use pesticide and provide the pesticide application(s) for a fee?

Yes

You need a **Commercial Applicator license** in the appropriate category

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Are you in business to apply pesticides to the lands of another person or business for a fee?

Yes

Your company needs a **Pesticide Contractor license** for each business location and must have at least one Commercial Pesticide Applicator in fulltime employment at each location.

What is a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license and when is it required?

The Commercial Pesticide Applicator license is required if you want to apply a Restricted-Use pesticide (RUP) and you do not qualify as a private applicator.

If you work for or as a licensed Pesticide Contractor applying any pesticide to the lands of another you must have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license unless you work under the supervision of someone else who has a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license.

The Commercial Pesticide Applicator license does not permit you to charge a fee unless you also have a Pesticide Contractor license.

Pesticide purchases must be confined to only those categories for which you are authorized by your license.

What are the specific requirements for obtaining a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license?

You must pass an examination on the “National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Manual” plus an exam on the appropriate category manual(s) with a minimum score of 70%.

Georgia Technical Colleges administer the computerized core and category exams at several locations around Georgia numerous times during the course of a given year. You can select a location and date convenient to you.

Visit www.gapestexam.com to register for the exam.

Order paper copies of the study materials from the UGA Extension Publication Store including the National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Manual and the appropriate category manual(s).

The General Standards exam tests for general knowledge on the safe use of pesticides.

The categorical exam(s) are more specific to particular types of pesticide applications.

After passing the commercial Core and (at least one) Categorical exams and mailing in a check or money order for \$90 payable to the Georgia Department of Agriculture, your license will be mailed to you within 3-4 weeks.

If you fail one of the exams but pass the other, your passing score will be held for up to one year. If you have not passed both core and category exams by the end of one year, you must begin the entire process again.

How long does Commercial Pesticide Applicator license last and how do I renew it?

The Commercial Pesticide Applicator license is valid for five years. The cost of the license is \$90 for each five year renewal.

Commercial Pesticide Applicators must earn a required number of recertification credits every five years no later than 90 days before their license expires or be reexamined.

The number of recertification credits required depends on the category in which the Applicator is certified. See the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Pesticide office website for a table of the requirements for each category.

Recertification credits may be earned by attending education meetings and trainings approved by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Pesticide office.

A searchable database is available at <http://www.kellysolutions.com/GA/Applicators/Courses/CourseIndex.asp> where you can search by type of license (Commercial or Private), license category, or course date.