



## HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.26

**Obtain certification training materials** in the appropriate pesticide certification category. Training from the University of Wisconsin – Extension Pesticide Applicator Training Program (PAT) is required.

**Self-study.** Contact the University of Wisconsin PAT to order a training manual.

OR

**Live training.** Pre-register to attend a training session. Dates and locations are available on a limited basis. This includes training materials and the certification exam is offered at the training session.

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**Pass the DATCP certification exam.** DATCP does not offer training. Study before your exam. Schedule your certification exam online <http://pestexam.datcp.wi.gov/> or call (608) 224-4548.

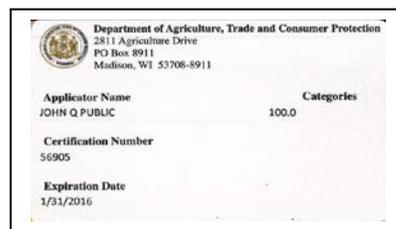
The test evaluates your practical knowledge for the safe and effective use of pesticides. There is a specific exam for each of the 20 commercial pesticide applicator certification categories. To pass you must score at least 70 percent on a written, multiple choice closed-book exam. You have 90 minutes to complete the exam. Certification is valid for five years after passing the exam. All certifications expire at the same time.

### Retesting Applicants Who Do Not Pass the Certification Exam

If you do not pass your first exam, you may retest after a 24-hour waiting period. Individuals failing a second or third retake exam must wait 30 days before testing again. If you fail the exam four times within a 6-month period, you must wait 6 months to retest.

### Certification Card

Commercial applicators shall carry their certification card when engaged using pesticides. The card identifies the applicators name, certification number, certification category, and certification expiration date. Cards are issued upon passing the exam.



Commercial Certification Categories			
1.1	Field & Vegetable	7.1	Structural
1.2	Fruit	7.2	Space & Commodity Fumigation
1.3	Livestock & Poultry	7.3	Termite
2.0	Forestry	7.4	Wood Preservation
3.0	Turf & Landscape	7.5	Sewer Root
3.1	Greenhouse & Nursery	9.9	Aerial Application
4.0	Seed Treatment	11.0	Companion Animal
5.0	Aquatic & Mosquito	24.0	Mixer & Loader
5.1	Antifouling Paint	25.0	Soil Fumigation
6.0	Right of Way and Natural Area	26.0	Chemigation

If you apply restricted use pesticides in Indian Country you must obtain federal certification from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To learn more visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country>.