



INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR LICENSES

Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.25

Who needs a license?

A [certified pesticide applicator](#) must have a license to use or direct the use of:

1. Any pesticide as an independent contractor for hire, or as an employee of an independent contractor for hire.
2. A restricted-use pesticide.

Commercial applicators must be 16 years old.

Individual licenses are valid for one calendar year, January 1 through December 31, and are not transferable. Applicators shall carry their license when involved in commercial pesticide work.

After getting passing the certification exam, send DATCP the license application and fee DATCP. Do not commercially use pesticides until the license is issued. License application forms are available at: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/CommercialApplicator

Applicators should inform DATCP of address changes that occur during the license period.

Are there any exemptions for the individual license?

Yes, a license is not required for any of the following:

1. A health practitioner who uses or directs the use of a pesticide as part of a medical treatment which that practitioner is licensed to provide in this state.
2. A veterinarian affiliated with a veterinary clinic whose operator holds a permit under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.23, who uses or directs the use of a pesticide as part of a veterinary treatment which the veterinarian is licensed to provide in this state.
3. An animal technician affiliated with a veterinary clinic whose operator holds a permit under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.23, who uses a pesticide as part of veterinary treatment which that technician is certified to provide under Wis. Stats. § Ch. 453.
4. A laboratory researcher who uses or directs the use of pesticides only in the laboratory as part of a bona fide laboratory research project.
5. An individual who only uses or directs the use of germicides, sanitizers or disinfectants.
6. An employee of a pesticide application business licensed under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.20, who applies pesticides only to property owned or controlled by that pesticide application business, and who applies no restricted-use pesticides.

