

Pesticide Certification and Licensing Program



Private Applicators

When is certification needed for private applicators?

Private applicators that apply general use products to property that they own/control does NOT require certification. Certification **IS** required when a private applicator wants to use a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP).

Steps to Certification:

1. Purchasing a training manual from the [UW PAT Store](#).
2. Self-study and schedule the exam at your local extension office or take it online through [Pearson Vue](#) **OR** attend a [training session](#) put on by the UW PAT Program.
3. Once you pass the exam, you will receive your new or updated certification card in the mail seven to 10 business days after the exam.

Private Certification Categories:

- 100.0/101.0 – General Farming
- 104.0/105.0 – Greenhouse & Nursery
- 112.0/113.0 – Fruit Crop
- 107.0 – Soil Fumigation (Sub categories)
- 109.0 – Chemigation (Sub categories)
- 111.0 Aerial (Sub categories)
 - In order to get certification in a sub category, you must get certification in one of the first three certifications listed.

Reminders:

- If you are making applications for other agricultural producers that exceed 500 acres, or for more than three other agricultural producers, you are considered a commercial applicator and will need to get certified and licensed.
- When making RUP applications, you must have records, and keep those records for two years.
 - When making Atrazine applications, records must be kept for three years.
- Review labels for additional training that may need to be done prior to using (ex. Paraquat).

Address or Name Change?

- Notify the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) if an applicator address or name changes during the license year.

Additional Resources

UW PAT Store: <https://patstore.wisc.edu/secure/Items/private>
Pearson Vue: <https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/wi/agriculture.html>
Extension Testing Locations: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/pat/county-testing-sites/>
Private applicators webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/PrivateApplicator.aspx
WI DATCP Pesticide FAQ webpage: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/ApplicatorFrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>
UW PAT Homepage: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/pat/private-applicators/>

Example of a Record:

Date of Application (M/D/Y):		Restricted-Use Pesticide: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Applicator Information			
Name:		Business Phone Number:	
Certification No.:	Exp. Date:	License No.:	
Address:			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street	City	State	ZIP
Client (if any)			
Name:		Business Phone Number:	
Address:			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street	City	State	ZIP
Treated Site			
Specific Location of Application Site:			
Crop, Commodity, or Site of Application:			
Mixing/Loading Location:			
Pesticide Product(s) Applied			
Product Name	EPA Reg. #	Concentration or Amount Applied per Area	Total Quantity Applied or Total Quantity Treated
Start Time of Application:		End Time of Application:	

Have questions?

Visit:
datcp.wi.gov/Pages/ProgramsServices/PesticidesFertilizers_CertificationLicensing.aspx
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