



Licensing and Certification Program

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“ *Our mission is to protect human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use and by fostering reduced risk pest management* ”



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Consumer Affairs



California Environmental
Protection Agency

DPR Licenses and Certification

- Individuals who use or supervise the use of pesticides who are not private applicators and not structural applicators
- Businesses that perform pest control
- Pesticide dealers and brokers
- Individuals who give advice on agricultural pest control, including making written recommendations



DPR's Licensing Authority

DPR has authority to revoke or suspend the licenses of companies and individuals that do pest control work, sell pesticides, or advise on pest control in California.

DPR has authority to levy civil penalties against persons who make any misrepresentation in connection with meeting any license requirement or who cheat on or subvert a licensing examination. *Food and Agricultural Code Section 11792(e)*





A Brief History of Pesticide Regul

1901 – First pesticide -related law was passed in California .

1919 – The Legislature created the California State Department of Agriculture (CDA).

1949 – Legislature enacted new laws requiring professional applicators and pest control pilots be licensed by the CDA.

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A Brief History of Pesticide Regul

1950 – First year applicator and pilot licenses were issued to individuals.

1972 – CDA became the Department of Food and Agriculture.

1991 – Regulatory program was given departmental status as the Department of Pesticide Regulation (under newly formed EPA).

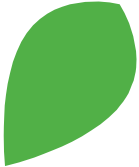
What is a Pesticide?

What they are:

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Algaecides(such as pool chlorine)
- Disinfectantsand sanitizers
- Repellants
- Rodenticides
- Fungicides

What they do:

- Control
- Destroy
- Repel or prevent
- Regulate plant growth
- Defoliate plants



General-Use vs. Restricted-Use

Available for
purchase and use by
any individual

**Must be
applied
according to
the label
instructions**

Can be purchased at any
general retail
establishment

Only available for
purchase and can only
be used by or under
supervision of a
licensed or certified
applicator

Can only be purchased
from a licensed dealer
location

CALIFORNIA RESTRICTED MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

A FEDERAL RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES

RESTRICTED USE

PESTICIDE

(Included by reference as California Restricted Materials) DUE TO reason for restricted use classification)

Pesticides display the RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE (RUP) statement on their labels and use only by Certified Applicators or

the pesticide container similar to the statement shown here. RUPs require an applicator's certification and only for those persons under their direct supervision and only for those

RUP statement enclosed in a box, at the top of the front panel of the label. uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification.

Some product labels require a Certified Applicator be "physically present" at the use site.

B CALIFORNIA RESTRICTED MATERIALS

This section is written in a quick reference format; refer to Title 3, California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) section 6400 for complete text.

Acrolein, labeled for use as an aquatic herbicide for the production of agricultural commodities
Chlorpyrifos, labeled for the production of agricultural commodities
Potassium n-methidithiocarbamate herbicide (metapottassium), labeled for the production of agricultural plant commodities
Metam sodium, labeled for the production of an agricultural plant commodity

All dust (except products containing Dazomet, labeled for the production of commodities)
Methamidophos - unregistered commodities

only exempt pesticides)* of agricultural plant commodities
Methidathion Propanil
(3,4-dichloropropionanilide) Aluminum phosphide Dicamba
Methomyl Sodium
cyanide





Licensing Requirement

Individuals and businesses that sell, consult on, or professionally apply pesticides must possess the appropriate license or certificate with DPR.

Pest control advisers, businesses, and aircraft pilots must register with the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) in each county in which they work.

Certificates and licenses must be renewed every **two** years.

You cannot legally work under an expired license or certificate.

Pest Control Aircraft
Pilot Certificate
Apprentice &
Journeyman

**APC &
JPC**

Dealer Designated
Agent

DDA

Qualified Applicator
Certificate

QAC

Agricultural Pest
Control Adviser

PCA

Private Applicator
Certificate

PAC

Qualified Applicator
License

QAL

Types of Licenses & Certificates



Pest Control Pilot Certificat

Manned Pilots APC/JPC

Proof of your
Commercial Pilot's
Certificate issued by
the Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA)

Proof of a current
FAA medical
certificate

UAS Pilots APC/JPC

Proof of your FAA
authorization or
certification to operate
a UAS and proof the
UAS has been certified
by FAA for pest control

Proof of a current FAA
medical certificate if
UAS is > 55 lbs.

UAS Vector Control Pilots

Proof of a valid Vector
Technician Certificate issued by
the Department of Public Health
in Category B – Mosquito
Control

Proof of FAA authorization or
certification to operate a UAS
approved by the FAA for pest
control.



Agricultural Pest Control Advise

Any person who offers a recommendation on any agricultural use pesticide or;

Represents him/her self as an authority on any agricultural use or;

Solicits services or sales for any agricultural use.



PCA Minimum Qualifications

You must meet the minimum educational requirements and/or technical experience to take the PCA examinations.

There are three options to qualify to take the PCA exam.

OPTION 1:

**Bachelor's
degree**

OPTION 2:

**Doctoral
degree**

OPTION 3:

**No degree/ no
degree in
accepted field
+
Work exp.**

PCA Categories



Insects,
Mites, &
Invertebrates

A



Plant
Pathogens

B



Nematodes

C



Vertebrate
Pests

D



Weed
Control

E



Defoliation

F



Plant Growth
Regulators

G

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If Your College is not Listed...

- Compare your courses to similar colleges
 - Most colleges have similar course titles



Ask us at
PCAMail before
you sign up for
a course

Still unsure?

- Check the PCA core course requirements form (PR-PML-085) for example courses per core area

Still unsure?

- Email DPR at:



[**PCAMail@cdpr.ca.gov**](mailto:PCAMail@cdpr.ca.gov)

QAC VS. QAL

QAC

Maintenance
gardeners and
gov. agency
employees

Employees
applying restr.
pesticides on
property owned
by their
employer

QAL

Commonalities



Apply General and
Restricted Pesticides

Supervise Applications
of Gen./Restr.
Pesticides

Conduct Pesticide
Handler Safety
Training

Commercial
applicators
working for hire

Supervise the
operations of a
Pest Control
Business

QAL/QAC Categories



Residential,
Industrial, and
Institutional

A



Landscape
Maintenance

B



Right-of-Way

C



Plant
Agriculture

D



Forest

E



Aquatic

F



Regulatory

G



Seed
Treatment

H



Animal
Agriculture

I



Demonstration
and Research

J



Health Related

K



Wood
Preservation

L



Sewer Line
Root Control

N



Field
Fumigation

O



Microbial Pest
Control

P



Maintenance
Gardener
(QAC only)

Q

What do these have in Common



Tree
Services



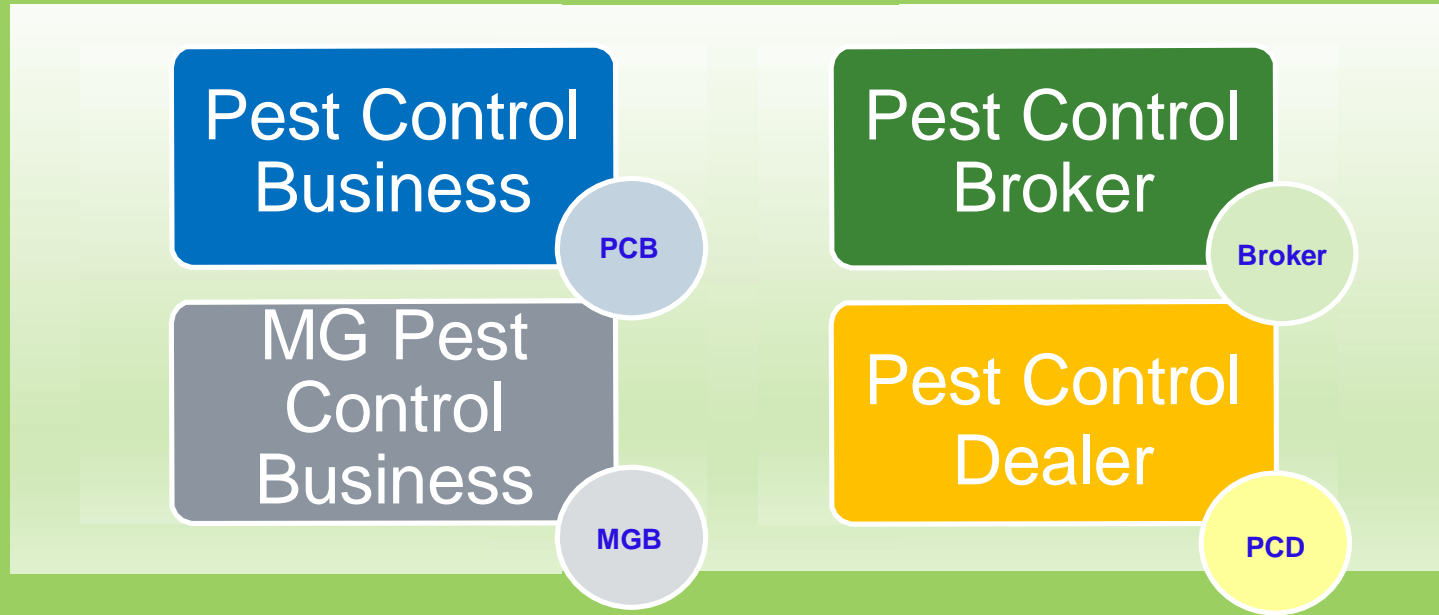
Landscaping
Companies



Property
Management



Maintenance
Gardening



Types of Business Licenses

Who Needs a PCB License?



Advertise

Solicit

Operate



Exemptions to the PCB License

- Structural pest control activities under a valid structural pest control business license.
- Preservation treatment of fabrics or structural materials.
- Tree surgery involving the removal of disease/infested tissue or applying disinfectants to wound cavities *incidental* to the surgery.
- Household or industrial sanitation services.
- Seed treatment incidental to regular business.
- Live capture/removal of vertebrate pests, bees, or wasps without the use of pesticides.





PCB Responsibilities

- Register with the CAC.
- Retain pesticide application completion notices for two years.
- Retain pesticide use records for two years.
- Submit pesticide use reports to the CAC. School and daycare PURs must be submitted to DPR annually.
- Have a copy of the restricted materials permit during the application.
- Retain written recommendations and work orders for one year.
- Must demonstrate financial responsibility for illness/injury/damage and Worker's Compensation insurance (if the business has employees).

Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business (MGB)

You must possess a Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business (MGB) License if you occasionally engage in pest control work that is *incidental* to your primary gardening business for hire.

You are a Maintenance Gardener if your maintenance gardening activities include mowing lawns, general yard cleanup, and/or taking care of plants and turf in indoor or outdoor settings.





Designated Qualified Applicator

Business must have at least one designated qualified applicator that supervises and oversees the business's pest control operations. The qualified applicator(s) must have each category attached to their lic./cert. that the business will do work in.

MGB

- QAC-Q: Is the minimum. No restricted use.
- QAC-B: May use restricted pesticides and perform MGB scope of services.
- QAL-B: May use restricted pesticides and perform MGB scope of services.

PCB

- **QAL Only!**



Pest Control Broker Business

Any person in or outside of California engaged in the sale or distribution of any DPR registered pesticide products in California.

Does not authorize the sale of agricultural use or restricted use pesticides to end users.

Not required if you are the registrant or if you are a pest control dealer.





Pest Control Dealer Business (PCD

- Sell agricultural use pesticides, methods, or devices for the control of agricultural pests to end users.
- Solicit pest control sales through recommendations made by your field representative.
- Sell restricted use pesticides to end users.
- Sell RUP's that require a restricted use permit or applicator certificate for purchasing.



Pest Control Dealer Responsibilities

- Ensure appropriate products are being sold.
- Maintain dealer records – purchase, sales, and distributions for four years.
- Verify buyer authority to purchase, possess, or use federally restricted use or California restricted materials.





Dealer Designated Agent (DDA)

You must possess a Pest Control Dealer Designated Agent (DDA) license if you are responsible for supervising all operations of a licensed pest control dealer at a principle or branch location.

PCA, QAL, and APC/JPC license and certificate holders may also act as a licensed Designated Agent to actively supervise operations of a Pest Control Dealer business.



CE Requirements

- All CE courses must be DPR-approved
see the Approved Courses List on website:
www.cdpr.ca.gov
- Deadline to complete CE is December 31 - NO GRACE PERIOD
- Must take all CE during the valid period of your license/certificate
- For QAL/QAC/PCA extra hours in Laws =
“Other” For APC/JPC extra hours in Aerial =
“Other”

CE Hours Chart

TABLE 1

	Less than 12 months		12 to 20 months		21 to 24 months	
	Total hours	Law hours	Total hours	Law hours	Total hours	Law hours
PCA	0	0	20	2	40	4
QAL	0	0	10	2	20	4
QAC	0	0	10	2	20	4

Exceptions: QAL or QAC holders with only Categories H, M, N, P, or Q:

TABLE 2

	Less than 12 months		12 to 20 months		21 to 24 months	
	Total hours	Law hours	Total hours	Law hours	Total hours	Law hours
H	0	0	2	1	4	2
M	0	0	4	1	8	2
N	0	0	4	1	8	2
P	0	0	4	1	8	2
Q (QAC only)	0	0	4	1	8	2

TABLE 3

	Less than 12 months			12 to 20 months			21 to 24 months		
	Total hours	Law hours	Aerial hours	Total hours	Law hours	Aerial hours	Total hours	Law hours	Aerial hours
Pilot	0	0	0	10	2	2	20	4	4



Continuing Education Courses are Available





WEBINARS AND ONLINE CE COURSES

Check DPR's Web site for approved Webinars and online courses.

Approved and Pending Continuing Education Classes

The following files are in PDF format.

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Be sure to check the monthly lists for webinars scheduled for specific dates and times.

AND



Check the "Continuous, Online and Correspondence" link for on-demand courses.

https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cont_ed_cfm/CE_Continuous_2021.pdf



CE RECORDS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:



1. License/Certificate Holder's Name
2. License/Certificate Number and Type
3. Course Location
4. Course Title
5. Course Date
6. DPR Course I.D. Number
7. Course hours attended for each CE category
8. Name of instructor or sponsoring organization
9. Your Signature



DPR encourages you to get your CE hours completed early and submit your renewal to DPR as soon as you get it.



2021 Renewal Season for M

Surnames beginning with:	License expires on:
A through L	December 31 of even-numbered years
M through Z	December 31 of odd-numbered years

**IS THIS
YOU?**



Renewal Requirements for Individuals:

- Complete renewal application
- Pay appropriate fee(s)
- Include proof of CE (if required)
- Mail completed packet to DPR
- * • APC/JPC Current Medical Certificate

Renewal Requirements for Businesses:

- Complete renewal application
- Pay appropriate fee(s)
- Proof of Financial Responsibility (if required)
- Mail completed packet to DPR
- * • QAL must be renewed first



Things You Should Know...

**No
Extensions
for
Renewals!**

**Renewal packets to be
mailed out from DPR by
August.**

**Submit application to
DPR by October 1, 2021
to receive
license/certificate by
December 31, 2021.**

**If submitted after
October 1, you may not
receive your new
license or certificate by
January 1, 2022.**

**Processing time can
take up to 60 days for
those received by
November 1. Packets
received later typically
take more than
60 days.**

To check if you are renewed, go to DPR's website: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/currlic.htm



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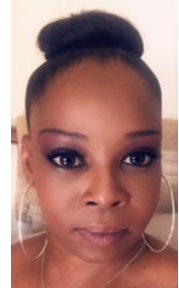
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- Anuncio Público de Seguridad con los Pesticidas (Spanish)**
CaliforniaPesticides 10 VIDEOS
- Pyrethroid Working Group Surface Water Regulations**
CaliforniaPesticides 13 VIDEOS

Through
YouTube, DPR provides
useful information for
license and certificate
holders and the
public



THANK YOU
AND
HAVE AN
EXCELLENT DAY!



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