



STRUCTURAL PESTICIDE DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH AZ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Arizona's pesticide programs

■ Office Environmental Services – Agriculture

- Program regulates the production, sales and handling of animal feed, seeds, fertilizer and pesticides. They also specialize in monitoring the proper use of pesticides which includes enforcing regulations that protect employees who handle pesticides or work in areas where pesticides are applied

■ Office of Pest Management – Structural

- Program licenses businesses and applicators that provide pest, termite, weed, public health, and aquatic pest management, as well as structural fumigation. PMD enforces state and federal laws governing pesticides, including use, storage, disposal, and recordkeeping requirements.

Whose Jurisdiction is it???

Office of Environmental Services

- Agricultural Commodities
- Golf Courses (Employees of the G.C. – exterior only)
- Terrestrial Weeds On Farm
- Livestock
- Aerial Pesticide Applications (i.e. Crop Dusting)
- Aquatic (Aquatic animal food production areas and waters on farm)
- Federal, State, County, Municipal, Tribal Government (i.e. US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish & Wildlife Services, etc. – does not include rights-of-ways along improved county, state, and federal roads)

Office of Pest Management

- Residential and Commercial Property
- Schools
- Child Care Facilities
- Health Care Facilities
- Golf Courses (For-Hire Contractors)
- Along Canals; Railways; Improved County, State, and Federal Roads: Rivers (not Forest or Ag Plant areas)
- Parks
- Aquatic Areas (except Forest, Ag Plant, Aquatic Food Production)
- Public health work sponsored by Federal, State, County, Municipal, Tribal Governments
- Political subdivisions with other pest management programs

Some Key differences

- **Structural** – No private applicator
- **Agriculture** – “Private applicator” – a person who applies restricted use pesticides on their own property or their employers property
- **Structural** – Certification required for applicators of Restricted and General Use Pesticides
- **Agriculture** – Certification only required for applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides
- **Structural** – Criminal background check required of all new applicants
- **Agriculture** – No background checks as part of certification
- **Structural** – Computer based testing in various locations throughout the state
- **Agriculture** – Examination in AZDA offices

Some Key differences

- **Structural** – Qualifying Party – Position defined as being responsible for the training and supervision of applicators
- **Agriculture** – No Qualifying Party
- **Structural** – Certified and Qualified Applicator
- **Agriculture** – Certified Applicator
- **Structural** – 6 or 12 hours (license dependent) of annual CE for license renewal
- **Agriculture** – 3 hours of annual CE for renewal

Agriculture License Types - “Private applicator” or “PUP”

A certified applicator who uses or supervises the use of a restricted use pesticide for producing an agricultural commodity on property owned or controlled by:

The applicator;

The applicator’s employer; or

Another person, if the pesticide is applied without compensation, other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

This certification can be obtained by taking and passing the National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Examination with a score of 75% or higher and submitting the appropriate application and fees.

Agriculture License Types - “Commercial applicator” or “PUC”

A certified applicator (whether or not the applicator is a private applicator with respect to some uses) who uses or supervises the use of a restricted use pesticide for any purpose or on any property other than for producing an agricultural commodity on property owned or controlled by:

The applicator;

The applicator's employer; or

Another person, if the application is performed without compensation, other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

This certification can be obtained by taking and passing the National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core examination and one or more category-specific examinations with a score of 75% or higher and submitting the appropriate application and fees.

Agriculture License Types - Golf Applicator Certification (PUG)

An applicator who uses or supervises the use of a restricted use pesticide for the maintenance of the ornamental and turf areas of the golf course that is owned or controlled by the applicator or the applicator's employer.

This certification can be obtained by taking and passing the National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core examination and one or more of the following category-specific examinations with a score of 75% or higher and submitting the appropriate application and fees.

Structural Pest Control License types for individuals

"Certified applicator (CA)" means an individual who is licensed by the division to provide pest management services in accordance with this chapter.

"Certified qualified applicator (QA)" means a certified applicator who is eligible to act as a qualifying party.

Both of these licenses can be issued even if the individual is not associated with a business or political subdivision.

Other Structural Pest Control types

Business License - A license that is issued to a person and that entitles that person and the person's employees to engage in the business of pest management.

"Qualifying party (QP)" means a certified qualified applicator registered with the division as the individual responsible for ensuring the training, equipping and supervision of all applicators of a business licensee or school district.

Licensing Processes Compared

Structural

- Submit application
- Receive approval
- Schedule exam with Metro Institute at locations throughout the state
- Take exam/submit fingerprints for background check
- Pass the exams (75%)
- Certification issued when background check returned
- Licenses expire in May
- 6 or 12 hours of CE required CA = 6, QA = 12

Agriculture

- Schedule the exam at one of 3 AZDA facilities (Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma)
- Once passed with 75% or better, submit application and fee
- Certification issued
- Licenses Expire in December
- 3 hours of CE required

All Certification Categories

- a. Agricultural pest control
- b. Forest pest control
- c. Ornamental and turf pest control
- d. Seed treatment
- e. Aquatic pest Control
- f. Right-of-way pest control
- g. Industrial, institutional, and structural pest control
- h. Public health pest control
- i. Regulatory pest control
- j. Demonstration and research
- k. Sodium cyanide predator
- l. Sodium fluoroacetate predator
- m. Soil fumigation
- n. Non-soil fumigation
- o. Aerial pest control

Structural Certification Categories

- c. Ornamental and turf pest control
- e. Aquatic Pest Control
- f. Right-of-way pest control
- g. Industrial, institutional, and structural pest control
- h. Public health pest control
- n. Non-soil fumigation

“State Only” Categories

Wood-destroying organism management

Wood-destroying insect inspection

Wood preservation

Structural Certification Categories

c. Ornamental and turf pest control - This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental plants and turf.

e. Aquatic Pest Control - This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of any restricted use pesticide purposefully applied to standing or running water, excluding applicators engaged in public health related activities included in as specified in paragraph (h) of this section

f. Right-of-way pest control - This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in the maintenance of roadsides, powerlines, pipelines, and railway rights-of-way, and similar areas.

Structural Certification Categories

h. Public health pest control - This category applies to State, Tribal, Federal or other governmental employees and contractors who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in government-sponsored public health programs for the management and control of pests having medical and public health importance.

n. Non-soil fumigation - This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of a restricted use pesticide to fumigate anything other than soil.

g. Industrial, institutional, and structural pest control - This category applies to commercial applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in, on, or around the following: Food handling establishments, packing houses, and food-processing facilities; human dwellings; institutions, such as schools, hospitals and prisons; and industrial establishments, including manufacturing facilities, warehouses, grain elevators, and any other structures and adjacent areas, public or private, for the protection of stored, processed, or manufactured products.

*AZDA adopted a substantive policy statement (SP 23-02), which clarifies that certification requirements apply to all pesticide applicators whether applying general use or restricted use pesticides.

Structural Certification Categories – State Only

Wood-destroying organism management - inspecting for the presence or absence of wood-destroying organisms and treating for wood-destroying organisms in or about a residential or other structure by a means other than use of a fumigant.

Wood-destroying insect inspection inspecting for the presence or absence of wood-destroying insects only and excluding preparing treatment proposals.

Wood preservation - application of pesticides, labeled for use on utility poles or railroad ties, directly to structural components of wood or wood products, to prevent or manage wood degradation by wood destroying organisms including fungi and bacteria, which are not part of an existing structure. This includes drilling a cavity into a structural timber, inserting a methylisothiocyanate or other similar product into the cavity, and sealing the cavity.

Who Does the Office of Pest Management Regulate and Who is Required to have a License?

- Anyone engaged in the “business of pest management” means engaging in, offering to engage in, advertising for, soliciting or performing pest management, including:
 - *Identifying infestations or making inspections for the purpose of identifying or attempting to identify infestations.*
 - *Making written or oral inspection reports, recommendations, estimates or bids with respect to infestations.*
 - *The application of pesticides or the making of contracts or submitting of bids for the application of pesticides or the use of devices for the purpose of eliminating, exterminating, controlling or preventing infestations.*
- Applicators working for State and local governments, including those performing pesticide applications in a government sponsored public health program
- Applicators working for other districts organized as political subdivisions under state law

Who is exempt from licensing?

- Persons applying nonrestricted use pesticides on residential property that they own and occupy or that they own and that is not occupied.
- Authorized representatives of any educational institution engaged in research in the study of pest management or a state agency engaged in research or the study of pest management.
- Persons using a nonrestricted, ready-to-use disinfectant, sanitizer or deodorizer.
- A utility and the utility's employees if pest management services are needed for an employee's health and safety in order for the employee to continue performing work tasks.
- Persons using an over-the-counter antimicrobial to treat a swimming pool.
- Persons using a device that is exempt pursuant to section 3-3603, subsection B, paragraph 17.
- Persons who are exempt pursuant to section 3-3612 or 3-3613.
- 3-3612 applies to “volunteers” of political subdivisions and 3-3613 applies to landscapers applying herbicides while engaged in landscaping activities.

Responsibilities of structural pest control license holders

■ Business license

- Insurance
- Recordkeeping
- Employing a QP in each category

■ Qualifying Party (Qualified Applicator)

- A person with documented experience (2 years as certified applicator)
- Responsible for training and supervision of applicators
- Responsible for other compliance related to the business (recordkeeping, insurance, registration and certification timeframes)

■ Certified applicator (may be a qualified applicator)

- The application of pesticides and recordkeeping

Certified Applicator (CA) Requirements

Complete Certified Applicator Application

- Application Fee - \$55.00 (online)/ \$65.00 (paper)
- Complete Fingerprint Card Submission – Full set of Fingerprints on an approve fingerprint card, Fingerprint Verification Form, FBI Notification of Privacy Rights, \$22.00 Fingerprint Processing Fee (Cashier's Check or Money Order made payable to AZDPS); or
- Valid, Unexpired Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Statement of Lawful Presence to receive State Benefits and Evidence of Lawful Presence or Proof of Citizenship

Qualified Applicator (QA) Requirements

- Prerequisite (i.e., “experience”) –

- *24 Months as a CA within 10 years preceding the application in each category applied for;*
- *12 months as a CA within 10 years and either 12 semester hours or its equivalent within 10 years proceeding the application or a Bachelor’s Degree in agricultural sciences, biological sciences, or pest management with either 12 semester hours or its equivalent in pest management courses directly related to each category applied for*
- *24 months of verifiable experience in the business of pest management in another State where licensure is not required*

Complete Certified Applicator Application

- Application Fee - \$75.00 (online)/ \$85.00 (paper)
- Complete Fingerprint Card Submission – Full set of Fingerprints on an approve fingerprint card, Fingerprint Verification Form, FBI Notification of Privacy Rights, \$22.00 Fingerprint Processing Fee (Cashier’s Check or Money Order made payable to AZDPS); or
- Valid, Unexpired Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Statement of Lawful Presence to receive State Benefits and Evidence of Lawful Presence or Proof of Citizenship

CA and QA Certification Examinations

Applicants may schedule exams online by visiting <http://www.metrosignup.com/signup/index.asp> or contact Metro Institute (the exam facilitator) at 602-452-2900 or 877-533-2900 to schedule any or all exams they have been approved for.

Exam fees are \$50.00 per exam, which can be paid by Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Mail (or bring for walk-in appointments) check payments to Metro Institute, 202 E Earll, No. 180, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Please do not mail cash.

If, for any reason, you cannot make your exam appointment, you may reschedule, at no charge, within 24 hours' notice.

Don't forget: You must bring your picture ID to the testing site.

Applicants must pass the Core and at least one category-specific exam to be certified.

CA and QA Certification Examinations

- Applicants may not retake an exam for at least seven days and no more than two times within a six-month period.
- Exam scores are only valid for the earlier of 12 months from the date of approval for certification or 12 months from the exam date.

CA and QA Continuing Education Requirements

- CA's require six (6) hours of CE per year prior to the expiration date of the current certification
- QA's required twelve (12) hours of CE per year prior to the expiration date of the current certification
- All CE must be obtained during the certification period, prior to renewal.
- CE earned in excess of the requirements do not carry forward for use in subsequent renewals.
- CE providers are allotted 10 days from the date of the course to report your CE to the Department on your behalf.

Thank You!

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