

Applicators Must Obtain Federal Certification to Apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country

EPA certifies private and commercial applicators to use restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country.

Who must be certified by EPA?

Private and **Commercial** applicators applying RUPs in Indian country must be certified by EPA, unless the tribe(s) is covered by another EPA-approved plan or the tribe(s) has opted out of the EPA Plan*.

How do I become certified by EPA?

For an EPA private or commercial certification, submit these documents to your EPA Regional Office:

- a signed application form
- a copy of your valid, current certification from a state, tribe, or federal agency that shares a border with the area of Indian country where you will be applying RUPs, or private applicators may choose to certify through EPA-administered training. See: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/training-private-applicators-under-epa-plan>

There is no fee for EPA certification. States or tribes may charge a fee for their applicator certification and training programs.

For application forms and more information, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country>.

What is considered Indian country?

Indian country is defined at 18 U.S.C. § 1151. It includes, among other things, all lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations, such as private property and rights-of-way. For more details, see <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/definition-indian-country>.

*Where is an EPA certification NOT required?

You are not required to obtain an EPA certification, private or commercial, for the following tribes. Contact these tribes directly for their certification requirements (contiguous states are noted):

- Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (North Dakota)
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (South Dakota)
- Santee Sioux Nation (Nebraska)
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Kansas)
- White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians (Minnesota)

Please note, the Yurok Tribe prohibits use of RUPs on their land.

Additional details and information

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the tribe for tribal regulations, codes, or ordinances that may restrict or modify pesticide applications. All applicators must comply with applicable federal and tribal rules and regulations.• You cannot use RUPs outside of Indian country with an EPA certification. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA certification categories match underlying categories from other federal, state, or tribal certifications, with a few exceptions. Private applicators who complete the EPA training will be certified as a general private applicator. |
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Contact Information for EPA Regions

Please see EPA webpage for more accurate contact information: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/regional-contacts-pesticide-applicator>

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