

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR, PRIVATE

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Legal Authority	Code of Iowa, Chapter 206
Job Description	Private pesticide applicators apply "Restricted Use Pesticides" as the PRODUCER of an agricultural commodity, on lands owned or otherwise under the direct control of the individual. Individuals who apply pesticides for hire should refer to requirements for Pesticide Applicator, Commercial.
Education & Experience Required	<p>No formal education, training or supervised practice is required to become a certified private pesticide applicator. However, an applicant must study the "Private Pesticide Applicator Study Guide (publication PAT-1), available from Iowa State University Extension Service. This publication is also available in electronic format at: http://www.pme.iastate.edu/PAT/pcic/2002/Publications/manuals.htm.</p> <p>Additional testing is required if on-farm restricted-use grain fumigants are to be used. Study materials are available from the Iowa State University Extension Service. There is no additional fee once basic fee is paid. Additional training is necessary for those using restricted-use fumigants.</p>
Continuing Education	An individual may choose to renew a private applicator certification by attending two hours of continuing instruction approved by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) for each of the three years certified OR completing the written exam at the end of the three years for renewal. Training year runs from April 16 through the following April 15 and are usually held November through March.
Examination	For initial certification, an applicant must pass the Iowa Private Pesticide Applicator Certification exam specific to the types of pests controlled. The exams are given each weekday at the Department of Agriculture from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For other testing sites see the IDALS Web site.
Fees	<p>Application: \$15 – 3 years</p> <p>Renewal: \$15 – 3 years</p> <p>Exam: Exam required for initial certification.</p> <p>Other: There may be a fee if attending training sessions</p>
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	37-3012 – Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation (\$11.67)

Number of Licenses Issued	Total number of certificates active as of December 31, 2003: 28,162 2002: 29,344 2001: 30,670
Additional Information	Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Web site: http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/pesticidebureau.htm