

Purchasing and Using Restricted and Commercial Pesticides

FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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Authorizations

Anyone who uses Restricted or Commercial pesticides (Schedule 1 or 2) must hold a Pesticide Applicator Certificate.

A farmer does not require a certificate when applying the pesticide on their own land, unless the label specifies that all users must be certified.

An acreage owner may use a few specified commercial pesticides (Schedule 2) on their own land. A list of these pesticides is identified in the [Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides](#)

In most cases, anyone can purchase and use Domestic class pesticides (Schedule 3) and Schedule 4 pesticides without needing a pesticide applicator certificate. Schedule 4 pesticides include:

- animal, insect and bird repellents
- antifouling and pruning paints, disinfectants, wood preservatives, swimming pool chemicals and mothballs
- ready to use insect baits and strips
- silicon dioxide (diatomaceous earth) insecticides
- ready to use insecticides with at least one indoor use specified on the label
- insecticides registered for use on pets
- Domestic class rodenticides.

NOTE: Individuals must review all pesticide labels to ensure no certification statements are present. Where a label has a certification statement, then it is classified as a Schedule 2 pesticide and an applicator certificate is required for purchase and use.

A Pesticide Applicator Certificate is required for individuals applying Domestic class pesticides (Schedule 3) when:

- offering or providing a pesticide service
- conducting a pesticide application in a rental dwelling (except when the tenant is doing the application)
- conducting a pesticide application in or on the grounds of a school, hospital, nursing home or daycare facility or condominium

To obtain further information regarding obtaining a Pesticide Applicator Certificate, contact Lakeland College at www.lakelandcollege.ca or call 1-866-853-8646.

Pesticide Service Registration Requirements

Companies or individuals that offer or provide a pesticide application service must ensure:

- they hold a Pesticide Service Registration
- they employ at least one Pesticide Applicator Certificate holder, with a class of certificate specific to the type of service provided
- that all their third party contractors hold a valid and appropriate service registration and that they employ the appropriate class of certified applicators
- that a service registration is held for pesticide applications on all public lands.

Service registrations are not transferable to a new location or to a new owner. Prior to conducting the move, the service registration holder must notify the Director and apply for a new registration. A new service owner must apply for a registration prior to providing the services.

Pesticide Service Registration Application Forms are available online at www.aep.alberta.ca.

Copies of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, its regulations and Codes are available at www.qp.gov.ab.ca.

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