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This fact sheet contains information about the licensing program administered by WSDA. For further information, visit our website at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/Licensing.aspx>.

### Licensing

Washington State's pesticide licensing program includes many license types and category exams. The license needed to perform WDO inspections or legally apply, distribute or consult on the use of pesticides in Washington depends on who your employer is and/or what type of pest control work you will be performing. To determine what license type and exams you need, see the following pages in this fact sheet. All licensees must complete recertification requirements every 5 years. You must be licensed in all categories in which you will be working.

### Washington State University (WSU) Study Manuals and Pre-License Training

Study manuals may be purchased from WSU Extension. To order, go to <http://pep.wsu.edu/studymaterials> or call the WSU Bulletin Office at (800) 723-1763. Pre-license training courses are offered statewide, January through April, by the WSU Urban IPM and Pesticide Education Program. Information on these courses is available by calling (509) 335-2830, or by going to the WSU website at <http://pep.wsu.edu/>.

### Testing

Testing is conducted by WSDA every Tuesday at our Olympia and Yakima offices at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. sharp. In addition, testing is conducted by field staff at 12:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Everett	Once a month (call for specific date)	WSU Extension Office, 600 128 <sup>th</sup> St. SE
Spokane	First Wednesday of each month	WSDA Office, 222 N. Havana
E. Wenatchee	Third Thursday of every other month (Jan-Nov)	WSDA Office, 270 9 <sup>th</sup> St NE, Suite 204
Moses Lake	Third Tuesday each month	Grant Co. Fire District #5 Training Center
Longview	Variable schedule (call for specific date/time)	Lower Columbia College, 1600 Maple St

**Directions** for all sites are available at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/Licensing.aspx#TakingExams>.

Note: WSDA reserves the right to alter this schedule and testing locations when necessary.

**Reservations are required** and can be made by calling WSDA at (877) 301-4555.

Please note: Several WSU Cooperative Extension offices administer the Private Applicator exam upon request. Contact WSDA or your local extension office for further information or view a list of the offices on-line at the following webpage: <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/ExtensionOffices.pdf>.

### Testing Policies:

- Cell phones prohibited.
- Picture identification required.
- A one-time/year license fee and \$25 testing fee is due at the time of testing. There is a **\$25 fee** each time you test.
- Payment must be check or cashier's check/money order (payable to WSDA).
- We **DO NOT** accept cash, credit or debit cards.
- Must arrive on time (reservation may be voided if late).
- To become licensed, individuals must receive a passing score of 70% on all required exams.
- **Test results are not released until all fees are paid.** After a second, third, or fourth failure in a calendar year, there is a mandatory 14-day waiting period between exam retakes. After the fifth and subsequent failures, you must wait 60 days before retesting. If an exam is revised or developed, all affected licensees may be required to pass the new exam.

*Persons of disability should notify WSDA in advance at (877) 301-4555 [TTY Relay at (800) 833-6388] if accommodation is necessary.*

## WSDA LICENSE TYPES

License Type/Fee	Definitions
<b>Commercial Applicator</b> Annual license Fee: \$215.00 <sup>2, 5</sup>	A person engaged in the business of applying pesticides to the land or property of another. This land can either be publicly or privately owned. There are further requirements, such as proof of financial coverage. Go to <a href="http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/CaSpiInfo.aspx">http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/CaSpiInfo.aspx</a> for further information.
<b>Commercial Operator</b> Annual license Fee: \$67.00	A person employed by a WSDA-licensed Commercial Applicator to apply pesticides to the land or property of another. This property can either be publicly or privately owned.
<b>Commercial Pest Control Consultant</b> <sup>3</sup> Annual license Fee: \$60.00	A person who sells or offers pesticides for sale at other than the licensed pesticide dealer outlet from which they are employed. In addition, Commercial Consultants may offer or supply technical advice or make recommendations to the users of non-home and garden pesticides. <b>Licensed and employed Commercial Applicators and Commercial Operators may act as Commercial Consultants without acquiring the consultant's license.</b>
<b>Dealer Manager</b> <sup>3</sup> Annual license Fee: \$33.00	A person who supervises the distribution of any non-home and garden pesticide from a licensed pesticide dealer outlet. Note: A Dealer Manager must be on site whenever non-home and garden pesticides are distributed.
<b>Demonstration &amp; Research Applicator</b> Annual license Fee: \$33.00	A person who applies or supervises the use of any experimental or restricted use pesticide to small experimental plots at no charge. (Public employees performing research applications fall under the licensing requirements of the Public Operator.)
<b>Private Applicator</b> Annual license Fee: \$33.00 <sup>4</sup>	Person who applies or supervises the application of a restricted use pesticide on land owned or rented by him or his employer for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity.
<b>-Limited Private Applicator</b> Fee: \$33.00 <sup>4</sup>	Both licenses allow holder to apply or supervise the use of restricted use <b>herbicides</b> on non-production ag land (pastures, rangeland, areas around farm buildings) and in mixed rangeland-timber areas to control weeds designated for mandatory control. <b>Rancher Private Applicators</b> may also apply herbicides and rodenticides to limited production ag land where hay and grain are grown primarily for on-farm use. Neither license allows the use of restricted use insecticides, fungicides or aquatic herbicides. <b>Both are valid in Eastern Washington only.</b>
<b>-Rancher Private Applicator</b> Fee: \$100.00 <sup>4</sup> 5-year licenses	
<b>Private Commercial Applicator</b> Annual license Fee: \$33.00	A person who applies or supervises the use of a restricted use pesticide on land, property or materials owned or rented by him or his employer for purposes other than the production of an agricultural commodity. See Commercial Applicator definition if applying to land, property or materials owned by another person other than employer.
<b>Public Operator</b> Annual license Fee: \$33.00	A person who, while acting as an employee of a governmental agency, applies restricted use pesticides by any means or any pesticide by power equipment on public or private property. Public Operators may act as Public Consultants. (Public Operators licensed only in the Public Health category are exempt from the fee.)
<b>Public Pest Control Consultant</b> <sup>3</sup> Annual license Fee: \$33.00	A person who, while acting as an employee of a governmental agency, offers or supplies technical advice, or makes recommendations to the users of non-home and garden pesticides. Public Consultants may not act as Public Operators without the operator license.
<b>Structural Pest Inspector</b> Annual license Fee: \$60.00 <sup>1, 5</sup>	A person who inspects a structure for wood destroying organisms, their damage or conditions conducive to their development. Wood destroying organisms include carpenter ants, termites, wood infesting beetles and wood rot (fungus). See additional license requirements on our website at ( <a href="http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/CaSpiInfo.aspx">http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/CaSpiInfo.aspx</a> ). Note: Home Inspectors require licensing with DOL, <a href="http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/homeinspectors">http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/homeinspectors</a> .

- 1 The fee is not required if applicant **holds and is working under the authority of** a current Commercial Applicator, Commercial Operator, Private Commercial, Commercial Consultant, Demo & Research or Public Consultant license.
- 2 Includes licensing of one spray apparatus. There is a \$27 fee for each additional apparatus.
- 3 May not use or supervise the use of a restricted use pesticide or commercially apply any pesticide.
- 4 No license fee required if applicant pays for another WSDA pesticide license.
- 5 The company must have a business license from Dept. of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/> or 1-800-451-7985).