



## Pesticide Applicator License Types

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is the authority regulating pesticide use in Minnesota. The MDA certifies applicators as competent and qualified to obtain a license by initial testing; applicators whom the MDA deem as qualified may obtain a pesticide applicator license. The MDA issues different license types with specific categories depending on the intended application site.

### COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

Commercial pesticide applicator licenses are for pesticide applicators who apply any pesticide (including herbicides) “for hire”. For hire means you charge or invoice for the service. To become licensed an applicant must:

- Complete a *New Pesticide Applicator License Application Form* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx)
- Pay license fee and surcharge before taking certification exams
- Pass at least 2 certification exams, CORE and one other category
- Aerial Applicators must pass CORE, Aerial and at least one other category.
- Meet financial responsibility requirements. See *Financial Responsibility Requirements* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx)
- Recertify to renew license as required; see *Pesticide Applicator Recertification Requirements fact sheet* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx)

### PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE CATEGORIES

Category Code	Commercial	Noncommercial	Category	For Application of
A	Yes	Yes	CORE	Pesticides using hand or ground equipment
B	Yes	Yes	General Aerial	Pesticides with an aircraft
C	Yes	Yes	Field Crop Pest Management	Herbicides, fungicides & insecticides to agricultural lands and crops
E	Yes	Yes	Turf & Ornamentals	Pesticides on non-agricultural areas or for ornamental propagation (lawns, parks, athletic fields, golf courses, nurseries, greenhouses)
F	Yes	Yes	Aquatic	Pesticides to water for control of pest plants, animals and other pests (i.e., rough fish, snails)
G	Yes	Yes	Forest Spraying	Pesticides in forest management
H	Yes	Yes	Seed Treatment	Insecticides and fungicides to seed grains
I	Yes	Yes	Anti-Microbial	Anti-microbial pesticides to air ducts and water cooling towers
J	Yes	Yes	Rights-of-Way	Pesticides to roadside and utility rights-of-way
K	Yes	Yes	Agricultural Pest Control –Animal	Pesticides to farm buildings and animals
L	Yes	Yes	Mosquito and Black Fly Control	Insecticides for mosquito and black fly control
M	No	Yes	Food Processing Pest Management	Restricted Use Pesticides in food processing facilities
N	Yes	Yes	Stored Grain and Fumigation	Fumigants and other pesticides to stored grain, other commodities and facilities
P	Yes	Yes	Pocket Gopher	Pesticides for pocket gopher control
Q	Yes	Yes	Wood Preservatives	Chemical wood preservatives to lumber (utility poles, fence posts, structural lumber, railroad ties)
R	Yes	Yes	Sewer Root Control	Pesticides for tree root control in sewer lines
S	No	Yes	Noncommercial Structural	Pesticides on or in structures, not for hire
SPCA	Yes	No	Structural-Master, Journeyman, Fumigator	Pesticides on or in structures

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## NONCOMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

Noncommercial licenses are for all pesticide applicators that apply restricted use pesticides (RUP) as part of their job on property owned or contracted by their employer. To become licensed an applicant must:

- Complete a *New Pesticide Applicator License Application Form* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)
- Pay license fee and surcharge before taking certification exams (*noncommercial government is exempt from paying surcharge*); noncommercial government applicators pay \$10
- Pass at least 2 certification exams, CORE or General Aerial and one other category
- Recertify to renew as required. See *Pesticide Applicator Recertification Requirements* fact sheet at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)

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## STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL APPLICATOR

Structural Pest Control Applicator licenses are for applicators that apply pesticides on or in structures. To become licensed an applicant must:

- Complete a *New Pesticide Applicator License Application Form* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)
- Pay license fee before taking certification exam
- Be employed by a licensed structural pest control company with a Master applicator
- Pass a certification exam
- meet financial responsibility requirements. See *Financial Responsibility Requirements* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)
- Recertify to renew as required. See *Pesticide Applicator Recertification Requirements* fact sheet at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)
- Categories include Master\*, Journeyman and Fumigator.

\*To become licensed as a Master, the applicator must work for 2 years as a Journeyman under a Master.

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## STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMPANY

Structural Pest Control Company licenses are for companies that apply pesticides in and around structures. To become licensed a company must:

- Complete a *New Pesticide Applicator License Application Form* at [www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide\\_applicator.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticide_applicator.aspx)
- Pay license fee and surcharge
- Employ at least one licensed Master applicator
- Provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for compensated employees

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## CONTACT US

Questions regarding a pesticide applicator license call 651-201-6021 or [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) or Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55155.

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## LICENSE FEES AND SURCHARGES (AS OF 7/1/07)

License Type	License Fee	ACCRA Surcharge	Total	Duplicate License Fee
Commercial Applicator	\$50	\$8.25	\$58.25	\$10
Noncommercial Applicator	\$50	\$8.25	\$58.25	\$10
Noncommercial-Government	\$10	N/A	\$10	\$10
Structural Pest Control Applicator	\$50	N/A	\$50	N/A
Structural Pest Control Company	\$200	\$33	\$233	N/A