

# STATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR REQUIREMENTS



## LOUISIANA

**State Lead Agency** Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

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**Website** <http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/>

### Issued an Order/Statement On How Implementing C&T During COVID-19?

Not LDAF, only Governor Edwards "[Stay at Home](#)" [State Order](#)

All LDAF offices are currently closed to the public. A small number of public servants are working in the main LDAF office in Baton Rouge, the rest are working remotely. While no testing or recertification is taking place, we are extending commercial and private applicator certifications for up to 1 year for those applicators who are currently expiring. Applicators needing extensions must request in writing to LDAF: [pestcert@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:pestcert@ldaf.state.la.us)

or via snail mail: LDAF 5825 Florida Blvd. Suite 3003 Baton Rouge, LA 70806

### License Categories

General Standards (GS), Agricultural Pest Control (1), General Forestry Pest Control (2a), Forest, Tree, Seed Orchards & Nurseries (2b), Wood Processing (2c), Ornamental & Turf Pest Control (3), Seed Treatment (4), Aquatic Pest Control (5), Antifouling Paint- TBT (5b), Right-of-Way & Industrial Pest Control(6), Non-Fee Institutional Pest Control (7b), Non-Fee General Pest Control (7c1), Non-Fee Vertebrate Pest Control (7c2), Non-Fee Stored Grain (7c3), Non-Fee School Employee (7d), Mosquito Control Applicator (8a), Rodent Control (8b), Community Public Health (8c), Mosquito Control Program Director (8d), Antimicrobial Pest Control (8e), Sewer Root Control (8f) Demonstration & Research (10), Aerial Pesticide Applicator (11), RUP Salespersons.

### Testing Requirements

Commercial applicators must pass the General Standards and at least 1 category specific exam. All exams are administered only at LDAF offices. [Pesticide & Environmental Programs](#)

**In-person/On-line** N/A

**When Offered** Normally M-F am and pm sessions in each office.

**Where** N/A

### Requirements to Take Test

**Applicator License (Core):** must complete application and provide ID

**Commercial Certification:** Must complete application and provide ID. Categories 7c1,2,3 and 8d require proof of experience.

**How frequently do you have to retest (if at all?):** Commercial applicators must recertify every 3 years by either retesting or attending an in-person approved training.

**Business License Required:** Yes for any business charging a fee for the application of pesticides must get an owner/operator license from LDAF each year

### Continuing Education

LDAF does not count CEU's. In-person trainings must be pre-approved and last at least 6 hours (not including lunch or breaks)

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| <b>How many credits for each category?</b> | N/A           |
| <b>Time period to complete</b>             | Every 3 years |
| <b>In-person vs. Online</b>                | In Person     |