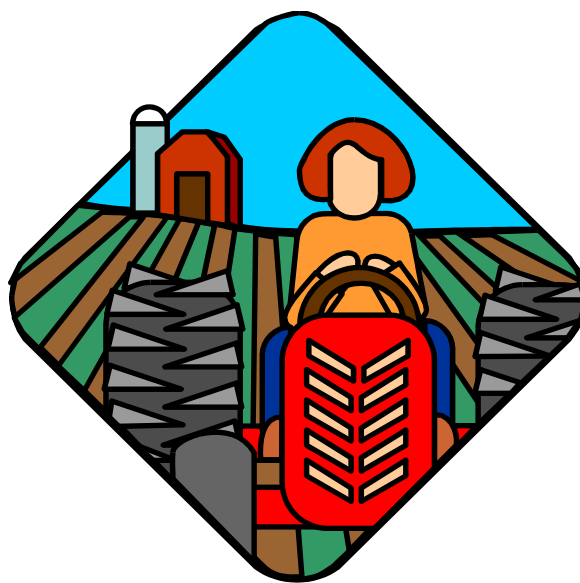


What Is Needed To Obtain A Private Applicator's License

New Mexico Department of
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Bureau of Pesticide
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Las Cruces, NM



Who qualifies for a Private Applicator's license?

To qualify for a private applicator license, and therefore, be able to purchase restricted-use pesticides (RUPs) you must:

1. be a producer of an agricultural commodity, which includes crops and livestock; and
2. not be applying pesticides for payment; you may trade personal services with other producers of an agricultural commodity, but may not receive any compensation for applying pesticides.

Who does not qualify for a Private Applicator's license?

Those who have a small garden plot or 1 or 2 fruit/pecan trees or who have a small group of animals do not qualify as a producer of an agricultural commodity and therefore do not qualify for a private applicator's license. There are many quality general use pesticides available for small garden plots and orchards. If you have any questions on whether a particular pesticide is restricted, call NMDA for information.

Restricted-Use Pesticides

A restricted-use pesticide (RUP) is any pesticide or device designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) as requiring specific restrictions for the safe use of the product. These restrictions might include toxicity to the applicator, environmental hazards, etc. Only certified applicators may purchase restricted-use pesticides, although persons working under their direct supervision may receive and transport them for the certified applicator (except for M-44s or LPCs).

Federally restricted-use pesticides will have a restricted-use box at the top of the label as shown below. Pesticides classified as state restricted-use in New Mexico by NMDA will not have a "Restricted-Use Pesticide" statement on the label. To determine if a pesticide is a state restricted-use pesticide, refer to 21 NMAC 17.56: Restricted-Use Pesticides. Currently, all hormone-type or phenoxy herbicides (2,4-D) that are used on agronomic crops, range or pasturelands, rights-of-way, forest, or non-cropland are classified as state restricted-use pesticides.

Restricted-Use Pesticides

For Retail Sale To and Use Only by
Certified Applicators or Persons Under
their Direct Supervision and Only for
those Uses Covered by the Certified
Applicator's Certification

Pesticide Dealers

NMDA is responsible for ensuring that RUPs are only sold to certified licensed persons. Dealers who sell RUPs are required to verify that the person they are selling the RUP to has a current, valid license. Dealers who fail to verify license status of their customers are subject to revocation of their license to sell RUPs.

If you have any questions about obtaining a Private Applicator's license, please contact NMDA's Pesticide Management Bureau.



Taking the Private Applicator's Exam

The private applicator exam is administered at your County Extension Office or during a training session by county extension personnel. The exam is **NOT** a take home exam **nor** an open book exam.

The fee for taking the private applicator exam is \$5.00. **NO CASH** will be accepted. We accept check or money orders made out to New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA.) To expedite processing of exams, **please keep payment for each exam separate.**

The private applicator exam covers, but is not limited to, NM laws and regulations, pest control, pesticide labels including safety, personal protective equipment, environmental information, and storage and disposal information.

Upon completion of the exam, your county extension agent should sign your exam, and mail it, along with your fee, to NMDA within 10 days or the exam will be void.

Upon receipt at NMDA, please allow a minimum of 10 working days to process your exam.

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Recommended Study Material

To prepare for the private applicator exam, the following study materials are recommended:

1. New Mexico Pesticide Control Act
 2. Applying Pesticides Correctly Manual
 3. Agricultural Pest Control & Agricultural Weed Control Manual
 4. Private Applicator Applicators Training Videos (set of 3)
 5. Michigan Pesticide Handlers WPS Video
 6. Recordkeeping Regulations CD
 7. Farm-a-Syst Program Videos
- The New Mexico Pesticide Control Act, and other manuals are available from NMDA. A study material list is available by contacting NMDA and requesting a form or by downloading a form from our website: www.nmda.nmsu.edu.
 - The videos/CD are available to view at your County Extension Office. Contact your County Extension Agent for more information.

