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PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSING (PERMITTING)

- A. Private Applicator:** New Hampshire law requires that anyone applying pesticides in conjunction with producing an agricultural commodity must be licensed (permitted) as a private applicator. According to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, part Pes 101.23, a private applicator means an individual who uses or supervises the use of any pesticides, whether classified general use or state restricted use, for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him or his employer, or if applied without compensation other than trading of personal service between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of another person. Additionally, Pes 101.02 defines an agricultural commodity as any plant, or part thereof, or animal or animal product, produced by a person, including farmers, ranchers, vineyardists, plant propagators, Christmas tree growers, agriculturalists, floriculturists, orchardists, foresters, or other comparable persons, primarily for sale, consumption, propagation, or other use by man or animals.
- 1. Permit Categories:** New Hampshire private applicator permits (also called licenses) are specific to a particular commodity that is being produced at the site that pesticides are applied. There are ten different categories of permits including Christmas Trees, Nursery, Greenhouse, Small Fruit, Tree Fruit, Beekeeper, Poultry, Dairy, Vegetable, and Sod. The categories correspond with particular pests and the sites where you would find those pests.
 - 2. Types of Permits:** There are two types of pesticide permits (licenses): General Use Permit and Restricted Use Permit.
 - a) Restricted Use Permit:** Individuals using restricted use pesticides or using pesticides in a manner where the use is classified as restricted are required to have a Restricted Use Permit.

An individual needing a Restricted Use Permit as a private applicator should obtain the private applicator application, exam application and a list of study materials. Once the applicant has submitted the application forms and appropriate fees, they should contact the Division of Pesticide Control to make an appointment for the written exam. An application is good for 30 days from the time it is received by the Division; the exam must be taken within that time frame. In some instances, the applicant has the option of taking the exam through their county extension office, in which case the application forms and fees would be submitted to the Division of Pesticide Control, and arrangements would be made to take the exam at the extension office.

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PRIVATE COMMODITY/EXAM GROUPS FOR RESTRICTED USE PERMITTING

Exams: Commodities:

- Apple Pest Section Tree Fruit (TF)
- Mixed Tree Fruit Pest Section Tree Fruit (TF)
- Beekeeper Pest Section Beekeeper (BK)
- Christmas Tree Pest Section Christmas Trees (CT)
- Dairy Pest Section Dairy (DY)
- Grape Pest Section Small Fruit (SF)
- High Bush Blueberry Pest Section Small Fruit (SF)
- Low Bush Blueberry Pest Section Small Fruit (SF)
- Raspberry Pest Section Small Fruit (SF)
- Strawberry Pest Section Small Fruit (SF)
- Greenhouse Pest Section Greenhouses (GH)
- Nursery Pest Section Nursery (NS)
- Poultry Pest Section Poultry (PO)
- Sod Pest Section Sod (SO)
- Vegetable Pest Section Vegetable (VG)

Exams: All Private Restricted Use Applicators take the General Exam and the Worker Protection Standard, along with their commodity exam.

- b) General Use Permit:** Individuals using general use pesticides or using pesticides where the use is not classified as restricted may be eligible for a General Use Permit. There is no exam requirement for a General Use Permit but the individual applying for a General Use Permit should contact the Division of Pesticide Control to confirm eligibility.

Anyone interested in licensing should contact the Division of Pesticide Control at (603) 271-3694.

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