

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SERIES

Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use Categories B, C1, F8, G1 and G2 Only

Commercial Applicator Certification

New Hampshire law requires that anyone applying pesticides commercially must be certified as a commercial pesticide applicator. This certification is required regardless of whether the applicator gets paid for the service or whether the pesticide would be classified as general use, including over the counter home owner type pesticides, or restricted use.

Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use

New Hampshire commercial applicator certifications are specific to a particular category that is typically defined by the site at which pesticides are applied. A “Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use” is a certificate (license) issued to a commercial pesticide applicator for hire, engaged in the commercial application of general-use pesticides under the following categories: B—*Right-of-Way and Commercial Weed and Brush Control*, C1—*Forest Pest Control and Timber Treatment*, G1—*Shade and Ornamental Pest Control*, G2—*Turf Pest Control*, and F8—*Microbial Pest Control*, where the applicator is responsible for deciding whether or not pesticides are to be applied, how they are to be used, and the methods of application and precautions to be taken in the use of such pesticides. This does not apply to persons engaged in the commercial application of other than general-use pesticides. In addition to the Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use, the firm, branch office or entity also has to be registered.

Steps Toward Licensing - Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use

1. To be eligible to apply for a Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use, a person shall have completed category-specific training for each category in which registration is being sought. Training consists of no fewer than 8 contact hours per category of category-specific instruction and no fewer than 8 contact hours of general instruction. Training seminars must be reviewed and approved by the Division to determine whether they meet the standards specified under Pes 303.01(h) of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules.

2. Persons interested in obtaining a Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use must first submit a resume form provided by the Division of Pesticide Control upon which the applicant includes written certificates of attendance as verification of completion of such training. They would list all of the information as required by the resume form, submitting that to the Division of Pesticide Control who reviews the information to see if the applicant meets the criteria specified in the Administrative Rules. The Division responds back to the applicant, in writing.

3. If the resume is accepted, the letter notifying of that acceptance would include the necessary application forms and instructions that would need to be completed by the applicant. Once an applicant's resume has been approved, the applicant may proceed to schedule a written examination that is administered by the Division. An advanced appointment must be made in order to take the exams.

4. After the written examination is successfully completed, the applicant would be scheduled for an oral examination given by a panel of one or more persons. The Division schedules oral exams and the applicant is notified as to the date and time that they should appear for the examination.

Other Requirements

In addition to the written and oral examinations, application forms, and fees, applicants must submit the insurance certificates and the firm registration form in order to register the business. After the applicant has completed the examinations and has successfully fulfilled all of these additional requirements, a Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use would be issued to that person and the firm would be registered.

Steps to Licensing – Operational

Once a business, firm or branch office has obtained the Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use and the firm registration, they may wish to certify other persons who would actually be applying the general-use pesticides in the category or categories (B, C1, G1, G2 and/or F8). This would require that they make the necessary appointment to take the exams. In addition, they need to obtain the list of study materials in preparation for the examinations. A written exam is required to qualify for an operational level certification.

The appropriately certified supervisor must countersign operational license applications. Operational certifications may become invalid upon departure of the supervisory certification holder from the company or if the operational certification holder leaves the company.

Who To Contact

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