

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SERIES

Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use Only

Categories B, C1, F2 (FIFRA section 25b pesticides only), F8, G1 and G2

Pesticide License Description for “Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use”

This type of pesticide license, the *Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use*, is typically sought by individuals only interested in the commercial use of general use pesticides or for individuals that do not satisfy the 3-year requirement to take a supervisory level exam leading to the use of restricted use pesticides but are interested in a general use only supervisory license. This license option is only available for the following categories: B—*Right-of-Way and Commercial Weed and Brush Control*; C1—*Forest Pest Control and Timber Treatment*; F2 – *Mosquito and Black Fly* (for use of FIFRA Section 25b pesticides only), F8—*Microbial Pest Control* G1—*Shade and Ornamental Pest Control*; and G2—*Turf Pest Control*.

Commercial Applicator Certification (Licensing)

New Hampshire law requires that anyone applying pesticides commercially must be certified (licensed) as a commercial pesticide applicator. Licensing 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 “natural” or “organic” materials, or whether the pesticide is classified as restricted use, pesticides that require a certain license to purchase.

New Hampshire commercial applicator licenses are specific to a particular category that is generally defined by the “site” or type of pest 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 categories noted above, 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 licensing 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 the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules (Rules).

*The F2 Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use category allowance only allows the use of FIFRA Section 25(b) pesticides, that is, pesticides exempt from federal registration (FIFRA: Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act)

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2. Individuals interested in obtaining a Supervisory Registration Certificate—General Use must first submit a resume form provided by the Division upon which the individual, the “applicant”, attaches written certificates of attendance as verification of completion of such training. The applicant would list all of the information as required by the resume form, submitting that to the Division who, in turn, reviews the information to see if the applicant meets the criteria specified in the Rules.

3. If the resume is accepted, the Division responds to the applicant by letter. The letter of acceptance includes instructions and necessary application forms that need to be completed by the applicant. Once an applicant's resume has been approved, the applicant may schedule a written examination 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 can 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, including the license and exam application forms and fees, applicants must submit insurance certificates and a firm registration form in order to register the business. After the applicant has completed the examinations and has successfully fulfilled all of the 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, it may certify other persons at the “supervisory” or “operational” licensing level who could apply general-use pesticides in the category or categories [B, C1, F2 (FIFRA section 25b pesticides only), F8, G1, and G2]. This would require that they make the necessary appointment to take the exams. In addition, they should obtain study material in preparation for the examination. A written exam is required to qualify for an operational level license. Operational level licensing does not require submitting a resume but individuals seeking an operational level license must submit a license application and exam form. Each business entity or branch must have at least one supervisory level license holder.

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.

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