

Categories of Commercial/Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators

00 General Standards: The one category that all applicators have in common. EVERYONE who receives a license must pass a test over the General Standards/Core and must renew the General Standards every time he/she recertifies.

01 Agricultural Pest Control—Plant: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect agricultural crops, vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits and nuts; as well as pastures, grasslands, and noncrop agricultural land. **Does NOT** include the control of vertebrate pests such as prairie dogs (See Category 14).

01a Fumigation of Soil (self-study): Soil fumigant applications to protect agricultural commodities. An individual may choose to be in this subcategory alone or in combination with Agricultural Pest Control—Plant (01).

02 Agricultural Pest Control—Animal (self-study): Restricted use pesticide applications to protect beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry, livestock, and other animals and to places on or in which animals are confined. Includes doctors of veterinary medicine engaged in the business of applying restricted use pesticides. **Does NOT** include the control of predators such as coyotes in pastures or holding pens (See Category 14).

03 Forest Pest Control: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect forests, forest nurseries, forest seed producing areas and large tracts of trees that may be considered marketable. This category **does NOT** include protection of ornamental trees.

04 Ornamental and Turf Pest Control: Includes control of pests to protect ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, and turf, in and around structures, greenhouses, plant nurseries, golf courses, athletic fields, parks, and public or private grounds. Anyone making pesticide applications **for hire** or compensation in this category **must be licensed** for both general and restricted use pesticides. **Does NOT** include control of vertebrate pests such as moles and ground squirrels in turf areas (See Category 14).

05 Aquatic Pest Control: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect standing or running water (irrigation canals, farm ponds, golf course lakes and streams, and fish breeding ponds) from weeds, insects, or animal pests. **Excludes** applications in the Public Health Pest Control (09) category for the control of disease vectors.

05S Sewer Root Control (self-study): Applications using Metam-Sodium in sewer lines.

06 Seed Treatment: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect seeds. Includes application of seed treatments prior to packaging. **Does NOT** include planter-box seed treatments added at planting time (See Category 01).

07 Right-of-Way Pest Control: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect roadsides, electric power line rights-of-way, pipelines, railway rights-of-way, fence lines, structural perimeters, and similar areas. **Does NOT** include control of vertebrate pests such as moles and prairie dogs in right-of-way areas (See Category 14).

08 Structural/Health Related Pest Control: Includes control of insects (**excluding** structural wood destroying pests), pest birds, and vertebrate pests (those invading structures) in, on, or around human dwellings; institutions; food handling, manufacturing, processing, packaging and dining facilities; schools and hospitals; warehouses; and any other structures and adjacent areas, public or private. Anyone making pesticide applications **for hire** or compensation in this category **must be licensed** for both general and restricted use pesticides. **Does NOT** include fumigation of a structure (See Category 11).

08W Wood Destroying Organisms: Includes control of wood destroying pests such as termites and carpenter ants in the same areas as for Category 08. Anyone making pesticide applications **for hire** or compensation in this category **must be licensed** for both general and restricted use pesticides. **Does NOT** include fumigation of a structure (See Category 11).

09 Public Health Pest Control: Includes control of disease vectors and pests of medical or public health importance such as mosquitoes, rodents, and flies in public landfills, in or on medical and veterinary instruments, hospitals, nursing homes, swimming pools, food processing areas, and cooling towers. Anyone making pesticide applications for outdoor vector control on the behalf of villages, towns, cities, or any other political subdivision of the state **must be licensed** when applying general use and restricted use pesticides.

10 Wood Preservation: Restricted use pesticide applications to protect wood or wood products. Includes preservative treatment by pressure or nonpressure methods to protect wood that will be exposed to weather, including utility poles, fence posts, and railroad ties.

11 Fumigation: Restricted use pesticide applications made using fumigants in gaseous or solid form, within enclosed gas tight spaces such as tents, vaults, stacks, structures, vehicles, or vessels for a wide variety of conditions and commodities, including raw agricultural products. Does not include fumigants for control of rodents in burrows (See Category 14).

12 Aerial Pest Control: Applications made by fixed or rotary wing aircraft. This category includes those aspects in the Agricultural Pest Control—Plant (01) category that are specific to aerial pesticide applications. Applications by air to non-agricultural sites would require testing in additional categories.

14 Wildlife Damage Control: Restricted use pesticide applications, including toxicants and fumigants, to control vertebrate pests when not associated with structures. Special permits also may be required from local, state, and/or federal agencies, such as for fur-bearing or game animals. Category 14 does NOT include control of vertebrates that are invading structures (birds, bats, and rodents). See Category 8.

REG Regulatory Sub-category (self-study): Subcategory of a primary category. Restricted use pesticide applications made for federal, state, or other governmental units to control regulated pests.

D/R Demonstration/Research Sub-category (self-study): Subcategory of a primary category. Includes applicators who demonstrate to the public or conduct research about the use of pesticides when exceeding label provisions.

Classifications of Pesticide Applications in Nebraska

Private Applicator — a licensed applicator who uses any restricted use pesticide for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him/her or his/her employer, or to apply on the property of another person without compensation (other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities).

Commercial Applicator — a licensed applicator who uses any restricted use pesticide on a contractual or “for hire” basis. Commercial applicator shall also include any person using restricted or general use pesticides “for hire” or compensation for lawn care, structural pest control or community-wide outdoor vector control.

Noncommercial Applicator — a licensed applicator who applies restricted use pesticides only on lands owned or controlled by his/her employer or for a governmental agency or subdivision of the state. Also, a licensed applicator who applies either general or restricted use pesticides to control mosquitoes on behalf of a political subdivision of the state.