

## License Requirements for Pesticide Applications on School Grounds

**Senate Bill 637** was signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2009. It requires applications of pesticides on school property to be conducted by a licensed pesticide applicator. If the applicator is a school employee she or he will need to have a Public Pesticide Applicator license by July 1, 2012.

**Examples (beginning July 1, 2012):** You will need to be licensed as a Public Pesticide Applicator for every pesticide application you make as an employee of a school. Examples of applications requiring a Public Pesticide Applicator license include:

- Applying weed control products with a backpack sprayer or pump-up pressure sprayer
- Applying over-the-counter pesticides like wasp killers or ant bait in ready to use packages.
- Placing mouse or rat bait in any school property location
- Spraying for yellow jackets, cockroaches, silverfish or other pests inside or outside of a school building

This license requirement becomes effective on July 1, 2012. By that date, anyone applying pesticides on school property must have a license before they can apply.

**License categories** must match the type of pesticide work that you will do. You must pass a base test in pesticide laws and safety and at least one category test for the type of pesticide work that will be done.

Categories likely to be needed in school settings (see <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/docs/pdf/licguide.pdf> for more information):

I.I.H.S. General Pest Control

I.I.H.S. Moss Control

I.I.H.S. Structural Pest Control

Ornamental and Turf Herbicide

Ornamental and Turf Insecticide and Fungicide

**Tests required:** Laws & Safety and at least one category test.

You must pass the tests with a 70% minimum passing rate to be qualified for a license. Passing these initial certification examinations demonstrate a minimum level of understanding of pesticide related issues. Certification begins when you qualify for your license and runs for a five-year period. Licenses must be renewed every year. After passing the certification exams, you must then send in an application form to get the license:

**To get the license:** (1) fill out the correct form, which is sent to you after passing the exams, and (2) pay the licensing fee. Just passing the required tests alone does NOT mean you are licensed! It can take three weeks to receive your license. Do not apply pesticides until you get your license in the mail or you see your name on the ODA website in a license search.

**To keep your license:** you need to attend recertification classes to acquire 40 credit hours during your five-year certification period. No more than 15 hours per year can count towards the 40 hours. You can start getting credits the day after you pass all necessary tests.

**Trainee licenses will be allowed:** For specific info on Trainee licenses, see [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/licensedescr2.shtml#Trainee\\_license](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/licensedescr2.shtml#Trainee_license)

**For more information,** see [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/licensing\\_index.shtml](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/licensing_index.shtml)