

How to get a Pesticide Applicators License

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To use restricted-use pesticides, you must obtain a pesticide applicator's license from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF). These pesticides, commonly employed in large or industrial settings, are subject to stringent regulations due to their potential impact. Agricultural producers, commercial sprayers, lawn care businesses, and others rely on these licenses to achieve success in their businesses. Below are instructions for obtaining a new license or renewing an existing one.

To apply for a license, visit the UDAF's website. There are three types of pesticide applicator licenses: commercial, non-commercial, and private. Commercial licenses cater to agriculture, landscaping, and lawn care businesses, while non-commercial licenses are for government agencies like city and county employees. Private licenses are for agricultural producers planning to use restricted-use pesticides. Though the process is similar for all three types, the educational requirements vary. Applicants must study the educational materials provided by the UDAF, then schedule an exam at the nearest testing center, which is located in Nephi at the USU distance education campus in the basement of the Juab School District Administration Building. Upon passing the exam, submit the application (available on the UDAF's website) and pay the UDAF licensing fee to fulfill requirements.

After receiving your license, remember to renew it every three years. Continuing education units (CEUs) are essential for renewal, with commercial and non-commercial licenses requiring 24 total CEU hours and private licenses requiring 6 total CEU hours. USU Extension and UDAF collaborate to offer credit opportunities. The USU Extension Office offers Pesticide Applicator Trainings in the fall of each year, which will be advertised through Juab County Extension.

For any questions, contact the USU Extension office in Juab County for assistance. We're here to help with any concerns or issues.