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Licensing for Permitted Confined Feeding Operations

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This Rule is applicable to any person that uses or distributes organic fertilizer from a permitted confined feeding operation (CFO) for purposes of producing an agricultural crop. This Rule has been in effect since January 1, 2012. The type of license required depends on the how the manure is managed.

Manure Management	Indiana State Chemist License
1. Distributes manure only. Does not haul, transport or apply.	Fertilizer Dealer License Distribution License renewed annually Dec 31, no classes needed.
2. Applies to property they own, rent or otherwise control (land use agreement). Does not distribute manure.	Private Manure License or Private Applicator Permit Category 14 certification required Permit is valid for 5 years. Participation in 3 PARP classes needed to renew.
3. Distributes, transports, and/or applies manure on others property. CFO owner does not have crop control and not under a land use agreement.	Fertilizer Business License (includes Category 14 certification and Distribution) renewed annually December 31. For Hire Applicator License Renewed annually December 31. Category 14 Certification Renewed every 5 years with participation in 3 CCH classes needed to renew.
4. Hires someone else to apply manure to CFO Owners property.	No license required for CFO owner. However, the person hired to apply the manure must have a Fertilizer Business License.

How to become a Certified Fertilizer Applicator

- ❖ Pass (≥75%) the Cat 14 exam (multiple choice)
 - Ivy Tech Testing centers - \$55
- ❖ Apply for certification
 - Private (farmer) - \$20 every 5 years
 - Commercial (for hire) - \$45 renewed yearly
- ❖ Recertification
 - Private – 3 PARPs in 5 years
 - Commercial – 3 CCHs in 5 years

To find information on becoming a private applicator: <https://ppp.purdue.edu/private-applicators/overview/>

To find recertification events (PARP) for private applicators: <https://ppp.purdue.edu/private-applicators/recertification-parp/parp-events/>

To find information on becoming a commercial applicator:

<https://ppp.purdue.edu/commercial-applicators/overview/>

To find recertification events (CCH) for commercial (For Hire) applicators:

<https://www.inplants.oisc.purdue.edu/USAPlantsIN/PesticideApplicator/MeetingSearch.aspx>

How to Become a Licensed Fertilizer Business

Any person (individual, partnership, corporation, etc.) who uses (applies, handles, transports) or distributes commercial fertilizer or manure from a Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) for hire to the property of another or who advertises that they apply or distribute fertilizer for hire must obtain a fertilizer business license from the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). A business must

1. Employ at least one category 14 certified applicator. A fertilizer business license and an applicator license are separate and distinct. An applicator license can be issued only to a category 14 certified applicator.
2. Submit a completed license application form and license fee (one application is used for both the business license and the applicator license).

- ❖ Fertilizer Business License: Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st
 - Fee
 - \$45 for Business
 - \$45 for Applicator
 - For-hire applicator
 - Hauler to the end user
 - Requires a certified applicator

How to become a licensed Fertilizer Dealer (Distributor)

A Fertilizer Dealer License (Distribution) is required of any individual or business that distributes or brokers (**only**) fertilizer materials (manure from a confined feeding operation [CFO] or inorganic fertilizer) directly to a certified fertilizer applicator.

If you also **apply, handle or transport** fertilizer material, you are **not** eligible for a fertilizer distributor license. You must obtain a (Category 14) Fertilizer Business License.

- ❖ Fertilizer Dealer License (Distributor): Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st
 - Fee - \$45
 - Permitted CFO distributing manure off the farm (M&D)
 - Broker of commercial fertilizer
 - No use – handling, transporting or application

If you distribute less than ten cubic yards or 4,000 gallons of manure from a CFO in a calendar year, you do not need a Fertilizer Dealer (Distributor) License or a Fertilizer Business License.

Resources:

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