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**Training, Certification & Licensing Requirements
for Indiana Pesticide Users**

Effective July 1, 2024, the Indiana General Assembly adopted Senate Enrolled Act No. 216 to amend and clarify training, certification, and licensing requirements for Indiana pesticide users. SEA #216 is available at <https://iga.in.gov/pdf-documents/123/2024/senate/bills/SB0216/SB0216.04.ENRH.pdf>. Following is a summary of the resulting requirements.

1. Pesticide Business License

- a. Any business that applies restricted use pesticides (RUPs), general use pesticides (GUPs), or fertilizer materials to the property another person for hire must have a business license.
- b. The business must have liability insurance.
- c. The business must employ at least one licensed for hire commercial applicator fully certified in the categories in which the business operates.

2. Application of a General Use Pesticide (GUP) For Hire

- a. Any individual that applies a GUP for hire must be:
 - i. at least 18 years of age;
 - ii. an employee of the pesticide business; and
 - iii. a certified and licensed applicator or a registered technician.
- b. To qualify as a commercial certified applicator, an individual must pass a written:
 - i. core exam; and
 - ii. category-specific exam.
- c. To qualify as a registered technician, an individual must complete one of the following mandatory training options listed at https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/training_rt_gups.html.

3. Application of a Fertilizer Material For Hire

- a. Any individual that applies fertilizer material for hire must be an employee of a licensed business and must be a certified and licensed applicator or a registered technician.
- b. To qualify as a commercial certified applicator to apply a fertilizer material for hire on turf, an individual must pass the category 3b written exam.
- c. To qualify as a commercial applicator to apply fertilizer material for hire on agricultural lands, an individual must pass the category 14 written exam.

4. Use of a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP)

- a. Any individual that uses any RUP for any purpose or on any property must be:
 - i. at least 18 years of age; and
 - ii. a certified and licensed applicator; or
 - iii. operating under the direct supervision (see #5 below) of a certified and licensed applicator employed by the business, organization, or farm operation.

- b. To qualify as a commercial certified applicator, an individual must pass a written:
 - i. core exam; and
 - ii. category-specific exam
- c. To qualify as a private applicator (uses a RUP on property personally owned or controlled for producing an agricultural commodity), an individual must pass a written core exam but must also pass a category specific exam to use fumigants (category 7D) or to apply aurally by plane, helicopter, or drone (category 11).

5. Direct Supervision of a Noncertified Individual Using a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP)

- a. The certified and licensed supervisor shall be legally responsible for all requirements and activities by the noncertified applicator.
- b. The noncertified individual must complete one of the following mandatory training options annually, listed at https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/training_nca_rups.html.
- c. The certified and licensed supervisor must keep records for two years for the training in item 5b above, that includes the following:
 - i. Noncertified individual's name and signature.
 - ii. Date of the training.
 - iii. Name of the trainer.
 - iv. Title of specific annual training, i.e.
 - 1. WPS Pesticide Handler Training.
 - 2. Pesticide Safety Training for Non-Certified Applicators Using RUPs.
- d. The certified and licensed supervisor must ensure the following for the noncertified individual:
 - i. Access to product labeling at all times during use.
 - ii. Personal protective equipment is available, clean, and is being worn correctly.
 - iii. Understandable site-specific instructions covering precise location, precautions, use directions, and potential adverse effects.
 - iv. Daily proper operation verification of all mixing, loading, transferring, and application equipment.
 - v. Means of immediate communication between the noncertified applicator and the certified and licensed supervisor.
 - vi. Physical presence of certified and licensed supervisor at the work site, if required by label.

6. Use of a GUP at a School, Golf Course, or for Community Wide Mosquito Management

- a. Not for hire (in-house) GUP users are NOT required to be certified applicators or registered technicians.
- b. Public (government) GUP users are NOT required to be certified applicators or registered technicians.