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New Legislation Clarifies Licensing Requirements, Gives Training Options to RTs and Adopts Federal Rules into State Law

The recently passed Senate Enrolled Act 216 (SEA 216) goes into effect on **July 1 of this year**. The act clarifies which general use pesticide (GUP) requirements remain in effect, moved many old requirements from rule into law and replaced some state rules with less stringent federal rules. The act was crafted by Senator Kyle Walker with input from both the regulated industry and the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). This newsletter will not attempt to touch on every aspect of SEA 216 but will instead try to focus on those changes that affect the bulk of our readers. For more complete information on SEA 216 go to <https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/index.html>.

One of the clarifications included in SEA 216 was when a pesticide business license is required. If a business intends to make for-hire pesticide applications, apply fertilizer for-hire or make wood destroying pest inspections or reports, it must have a pesticide business license issued by OISC. Each location where pesticides are used, or applications are conducted must have a business license. To obtain a business license there must be at least one certified applicator associated with the business as well as proof of financial responsibility, which for most businesses means proof of insurance.

One of the larger changes included in SEA 216 was increased options for becoming a registered technician (RT). These options now include:

1. Passing the core exam or
2. Completing initial applicator core training program by Purdue Pesticide Programs (PPP) or
3. Completing a RT initial training program by PPP or
4. Completing an online RT program by PPP or a vendor approved by OISC.

In addition, a RT may immediately begin work if the individual sends an email to the OISC at pestlicense@groups.purdue.edu. stating the following:

1. Name of the licensed business
2. Name of the individual
3. Statement from the individual verifying they met one of the training requirements
4. Statement that the individual will submit the application and fee within 5 days of the email.

While technically these changes don't go into effect until July 1 of this year, many of the RT options are available immediately. Stay tuned to our website as well as The SCOOP for continued updates on SEA 216.



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