

Consultant



Pesticide Consultant Responsibilities



**OREGON
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Recertification

- Once earned, certification is good for up to five calendar years, ending Dec. 31 of the final year.
- Renew your certification by re-taking and passing the Consultant's exam, and Demonstration & Research category exam, if applicable,

or

- Attending accredited recertification classes.
 - » A total of 40 hours are required during your certification period;
 - » 15 hours maximum per year;
 - » A list of ODA-accredited classes is available at <http://oda.direct/PestRecertClasses>

Limitations

- A Pesticide Consultant's license without the Demonstration & Research license category cannot be used to apply pesticides. However, a person with a current Pesticide Consultant license may apply for a Private Pesticide Applicator license without additional testing.
- A Pesticide Dealer's license is required to sell or distribute restricted use pesticides.
- A Pesticide Consultant cannot supervise pesticide-related activities of unlicensed individuals, licensed pesticide apprentices, or licensed immediately supervised trainees applying pesticides.

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A Pesticide Consultant license is required if you:

Provide technical advice and/or give recommendations on the use of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs).

Licensing requirements

Pesticide Consultant

- You must pass the Consultant's exam.
- Certification is good for up to five years and expires Dec. 31 of the final year.
- License must be renewed annually.
- To be able to purchase or use a RUP, a Pesticide Consultant must pass the Demonstration and Research (D&R) exam and have the category on your license.

Demonstration & Research (D&R)

- The D&R exam must be passed to add the D&R license category.
- You must have the D&R category on your Consultants license if you are conducting pesticide applications as part of demonstration plots, experiments, or research trials, which involve the use of an unregistered pesticide, or the use of a pesticide in a manner that is different than the labeled uses.



Reading the label

Read it ...

Read the label before you recommend a pesticide product to others. All crops, use sites, and rates must be found on the product label.

Follow it ...

When advising on pesticide product uses, stress the importance of following all label directions, such as:

- Application rates, use sites, and frequency.
- Application equipment restrictions.
- Personal protection equipment (PPE) for the listed tasks.
- Make sure the producer knows the pre-harvest intervals (PHIs), if any.
- Make sure the producer knows the restricted entry intervals (REIs), if any.
- Make sure the producer knows the associated plant-back restrictions.

Avoiding problems

- Make sound, legal recommendations.
- Always check the label to make sure the crop or use site is listed on the label.
- Advise and assist growers on how to keep application equipment in good working order and calibrated correctly.
- Educate applicators on how to prevent particle and vapor drift.
- Be aware and ensure that applicators and growers are aware of nearby sensitive crops, and bee hives
- Advise and educate growers and other applicators about buffers and their purpose.
- Advise applicators on how to protect local endangered species.
- Make sure applicators understand the different types of sensitive sites, such as: schools, hospitals, bee hives, water sources and vulnerable crops.
- Coach growers and applicators on integrated pest management (IPM) and best management practices (BMPs).
- Understand pesticide resistance management and advise accordingly.
- Know the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for crops.

Experimental Use Permits (EUPs)

- An EUP allows a person to apply a pesticide experimentally with the intent of gathering data needed to satisfy pesticide registration requirements of ODA and U.S. EPA.
- An EUP may only be granted to an individual with the Demonstration and Research category on their license.
- EUPs may be required at the federal and/or the state level.

For information about EUPs, go to:
<https://oda.direct/EUPs> and
<https://oda.fyi/EPAEUP>

Recordkeeping Requirements

- You must keep and maintain application records for all applications made for demonstration and research purposes.
- Application records must be kept for three years.
- Any person using pesticides for experimental or research purposes shall prepare, maintain, and provide records in the same manner as in ORS 634.146 (same as Pesticide Operators)
- Recordkeeping requirements can be found at <https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping>