YOU ARE A PESTICIDE CONSULTANT IF YOU...

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

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- You must pass the Consultant’s exam.
- Certification is good for up to five years and expires Dec. 31 of the fifth year.
- License must be renewed annually.
- You must have the Demonstration & Research category on your Consultants license if you are conducting demonstration and research trials that involve the use of a pesticide that is either not registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or using it in a manner that is not allowed by the product labeling.

RECERTIFICATION

- May be accomplished either by re-taking the Consultant’s exam or by attending 40 hours of ODA-approved recertification courses within the certification period.
- Only up to 15 credit hours may be accrued each year.
- Credits will not be given for repeating a course in the same calendar year, regardless of location or sponsor.
- A list of ODA approved classes is available at http://oda.state.or.us/dbs/recert_classes/search.lasso.

LIMITATIONS

- A Pesticide Consultant’s license cannot be used as an applicator license. However, a person with a current Pesticide Consultants license may apply for a Private Pesticide Applicators license without additional testing.
- You can not sell or distribute restricted use pesticides without a Pesticide Dealer’s license.
- A Pesticide Consultant can not supervise unlicensed individuals, licensed pesticide apprentices or trainees, or Private Pesticide Applicators applying pesticides.
- To be able to purchase or use a restricted use pesticide, a Pesticide Consultant must have the Demonstration and Research category on their license.

WEBSITE

https://oda.direct/AboutPesticides
- Advisories
- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Licensing
- Pesticide products
- Recertification
- Recordkeeping
- Storage and disposal

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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.
- 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, vulnerable crops, etc.
- 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 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://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors634.html
https://www.epa.gov/expobox/exposure-factors-handbook-chapter-12

RECORD 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.
- Recordkeeping requirements can be found at https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping
- Any person using pesticides for experimental or research purposes shall prepare, maintain, and provide records in the same manner as in ORS 634.146.