**WHO IS A PESTICIDE CONSULTANT**

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**

www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Pesticides/Pages/AboutPesticides.aspx

- Advisories
- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Licensing
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- Storage and disposal

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This publication is available in other formats, if needed.
**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:
www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/lawsstatutes/2013ors634.html
www.epa.gov/pesticides/bluebook/chapter12.html

**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 http://1.usa.gov/1F6KeES
- Any person using pesticides for experimental or research purposes shall prepare, maintain, and provide records in the same manner as in ORS 634.146.