



Don't Forget to Update Your Information With ODA

Remember to keep your address and email up to date with ODA so you do not miss out on important information.

Apprentice



Avoiding Problems

- Read and follow all label directions
- Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly
- Prevent drift
- Avoid areas where runoff or drift into water is likely
- Protect endangered species – if directed to do so by the label you are using, visit Bulletins Live Two! and follow all applicable directions
- Avoid applications that may harm foraging bees
- Be especially careful near sensitive crops, bee hives, and schools
- Observe buffer zones around waterways
- Wear required personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 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
- Make sure your license is active before making any applications (<https://oda.direct/SearchPesticideLicenses>).

Know Your Rights

Your employer is responsible for providing additional information and materials to help protect your health. To find out more, call OR-OSHA at 800.922.2689.

Find Out More Online

<https://oda.direct/Pesticides>

- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Pesticide registration information

Also:

- Pesticide advisories: <https://oda.direct/PesticidesCurrentIssues>
- Licensing information: <https://oda.direct/PesticideLicensing>
- License recertification: <https://oda.direct/RenewalRecertification>
- Recordkeeping: <https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping>
- Pesticide storage and disposal: <https://oda.direct/PesticideStorageDisposal>

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Pesticide Apprentice Responsibilities



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Pesticide Apprentice

Pesticide Apprentices are licensed individuals who work under the supervision of a certified and licensed Commercial, Noncommercial, or Public Pesticide Applicator.

- Apprentices are **not** certified applicators
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot supervise others.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot purchase, sell, supervise the use of, or distribute restricted use pesticides.
- A Pesticide Apprentice cannot be the sole proprietor of a pesticide application business.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot consult (give advice or recommendations) on restricted use pesticides.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot make aerial applications.

Conditions of Supervision

- The certified and licensed supervising applicator is responsible for the training and actions of the pesticide apprentice, and must provide application instructions to the pesticide apprentice.
- Pesticide Apprentices can perform pesticide application activities when their licensed supervisor is not physically present. However, the licensed supervisor must be reasonably available for any needed consultation or further direction (e.g. cell phone, 2-way radio).
- Pesticide applications must only be made under the supervisor’s license categories.
- The supervisor must be a certified and licensed Commercial, Noncommercial, or Public Pesticide Applicator.
- Pesticide Consultants and Private Applicators cannot supervise Pesticide Apprentices.

License Requirements

- To qualify for a Pesticide Apprentice license, you must take and pass the Laws and Safety exam.
 - Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
 - Pesticide Apprentice licenses are valid for one calendar year, and will expire on Dec. 31 of the year issued.
 - In order to renew the license, the Pesticide Apprentice must earn a total of eight (8) pesticide credits during their license period by attending ODA-accredited continuing education classes each year. At least four of the eight pesticide credits earned must be “core” credits. A list of ODA-accredited continuing education classes is available on <https://oda.direct/PestRecertClasses>
- or**
- If the Pesticide Apprentice does not accrue the required credit hours, then they will need to retake and pass the Laws and Safety exam to renew the license.

After passing the Laws and Safety exam and submitting a completed license application, ODA will issue and mail qualifying applicants a license. You may not make pesticide applications until ODA issues your license. You are officially licensed when your license is listed in our online database: <http://oda.direct/PestLicenseStatus>.

School Campuses

- Unique requirements apply to pesticide applications made to a school campus. For more information, go to <https://oda.direct/IPMSchools>
- Each pesticide application must be authorized by the school’s Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator.
- Pesticide applications must only be made by appropriately licensed individuals.

Recordkeeping Requirements

The supervising certified and licensed applicator is responsible for recordkeeping. There should be good communication and instruction between the supervising applicator and pesticide apprentice.

Record each of the following elements:

- Full name, address and telephone number of the firm or individual for whom the pesticide application was made
- Address or geographical description where application was made. Also include the size of the treated area (acres, square feet, linear feet, etc.)
- Date (month/day/year), beginning and ending time of the application(s)
- Product supplier (full name of individual or business)
- EPA registration number, or the FULL product trade name, including formulation type, and manufacturer
- Amount applied—use lbs., oz. or gal. of actual product per acre or concentration (lbs. or oz. product/gal.) and total gallons applied. Include amount and type of other material applied (e.g. adjuvant, wetting agent, etc.)
- Application site or crop
- Equipment description (aerosol can, backpack sprayer, fogger, duster, etc.)
- Full name (as it appears on license) and license number of all applicators, including apprentices who made application
- Record any additional element required by the product label

Follow each of the following:

- Records must be kept for three years
- Records must be legible
- Provide records to ODA, Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), and/or licensed health-care provider when requested
- For a full recordkeeping explanation, go to <https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping>

Preventing Drift

It is your legal responsibility to keep your application on the intended target site only.

In addition to following label directions, these steps can help you reduce the potential for drift. For more information on drift prevention check <https://oda.direct/Pesticide-Drift>

- Use the correct nozzle, droplet size, pressure, and sprayer speed
- Use the lowest pressure setting possible and spray as close to the target while maintaining adequate coverage
- Use drift reduction nozzles and adjuvants
- Do not spray during temperature inversions, or during other unfavorable weather conditions. Plan with the weather predictions in mind.
- Be aware of nearby sensitive sites (nursing homes, schools, sensitive crops)

The Label

Read it ...

Read the label before you purchase a pesticide product, each time you apply it, and when you store or dispose of it.

Follow it ...

Always follow label directions exactly. Wear required personal protective equipment, apply correct rates on listed sites, and observe all restrictions and special precautions.

If you do not understand the label instructions, talk with your supervising certified and licensed applicator.