

Flight Experience Requirements for the Aerial Pesticide Applicator License



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Oregon law requires that Aerial Pesticide Applicator licenses only be issued to individuals with at least 50 hours of experience on flights as outlined in ORS 634.128(2)(d), as well as other requirements (<https://oda.direct/AerialLicensingGuide>). This document is intended to help you obtain and document qualifying flight experience.

What flight experience counts toward the 50 hours required by ORS 634.128(2)(D)?

In general, only the “time in service” (<https://oda.fyi/FAAdef>) during application and to and from the application site will qualify. You must either be the primary person responsible for operating the application equipment controls, or receive in-person training from that person. You must also be appropriately licensed during each qualifying flight. Additionally, your flight experience must be appropriately documented to qualify.

However, your specific options depend upon whether the flights are conducted in Oregon or another state or US territory. More information is provided below.

QUALIFYING FLIGHT EXPERIENCE IN OREGON

If you are in Oregon and you are in the process of accruing 50 hours of experience on flights as referenced above, you are limited to:

1. Applying water, fire retardant, fertilizer, granular formulation blanks, or some other substance that is not a pesticide by aircraft to simulate a pesticide application. Note: you must be licensed as a Commercial, Noncommercial, Public, or Private pesticide applicator during each flight for the experience to count; or
2. Receiving in-person training from an appropriately licensed Aerial Pesticide Applicator during flights in which the Aerial Pesticide Applicator applies pesticides (or some other substance to simulate a pesticide application) via aircraft. In this scenario, where pesticides are being applied, you must not operate any controls that could influence the application equipment (including controllers that are jointly used to control the aircraft and application equipment). Such training must be reasonably free from distractions and allow for communication between the person being trained and the licensed

aerial applicator. Additionally, you must be licensed as a Commercial, Noncommercial, Public, or Private pesticide applicator, or licensed as a Pesticide Apprentice or Immediately Supervised Trainee, during each flight for the experience to count.

Note: If you made pesticide applications via aircraft in Oregon in 2015 or prior (before the Aerial Pesticide Applicator license was required), your experience on these flights may also qualify. However, you must have been licensed as a Commercial, Public, or Private pesticide applicator during each flight.

QUALIFYING OUT-OF-STATE FLIGHT EXPERIENCE

The ODA may accept your out-of-state experience applying pesticides by aircraft (or other substances to simulate pesticide application) if you were appropriately licensed during those flights and met other relevant criteria described in the “Qualifying Flight Experience in Oregon” section above.

Which activities do not count toward qualifying flight time?

Activities, such as mixing & loading, refueling, breaks, computer simulated applications, will not count toward qualifying flight time. Additionally, if you are piloting more than one aircraft simultaneously (such as multiple unmanned aircraft systems), flight time for additional aircraft after the first (i.e., flight time in excess of the real time) does not count toward qualifying time.

I don’t have an Aerial Pesticide Applicator License, but I need flight experience to qualify for a license. Can a licensed applicator supervise me while I apply pesticides in Oregon to accumulate flight experience?

No. It is a violation of Oregon law to apply any pesticide by aircraft in Oregon unless you are appropriately licensed as an Aerial Pesticide Applicator. This is true even if you are training to be an Aerial Pesticide Applicator. This means that someone without an Aerial Pesticide Applicator license cannot make a pesticide application via aircraft in Oregon even if supervised by a licensed Aerial Pesticide Applicator.

I previously held an Aerial Pesticide Applicator License in Oregon. Do I need to provide documentation of my flight experience again to renew my license?

No. If you have been issued an Oregon Aerial Pesticide Applicator license previously, you have already been determined to have the required experience and it does not need to be verified again.

What flight experience documentation will I need to provide to ODA?

To support your Aerial Pesticide License application, you must provide one of the following Record Types. To qualify, your flight experience must be appropriately documented as described below.

Record Type 1: 5-Year History of Holding a Pesticide Applicator License and FAA Pilot Certificate*	Record Type 2: Flight-Specific Records*
<p>1. Appropriate FAA-issued pilot certificate with a date of issue that is at least 5 years prior to today’s date; or other documentation produced by FAA that substantiates that you have held an appropriate FAA-issued pilot certificate for at least five years; and</p> <p>2. A document (or equivalent) produced by a State, Federal, or Tribal Pesticide Regulatory Agency confirming that you have been appropriately licensed to apply pesticides by aircraft without supervision for at least five years prior to today’s date;</p> <p>Note: Pesticide applicator license and FAA pilot certificate must be held concurrently for at least five years.</p>	<p>1. Your flight logs or pesticide application records from the state in which the application took place; and</p> <p>2. For each flight the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of application • Total “time in service” (https://oda.fyi/FAAdef); • State in which the application took place; • Substance applied; • Name of the individual responsible for operating the application equipment; and <p>3. Your name and pesticide applicator license number (from the state in which the application took place); and</p> <p>4. If applicable, the name and pesticide applicator license number of the supervising applicator who provided the in-person training during the qualifying flight.</p> <p>Note: The example “time in service” record on the following page contains all the required record elements.</p>

* Additional records may be required.

Example Time In Service Record*

Name and License # ^a		State ^b	Who is Responsible for Operating Application Equipment? ^c	Substance Applied	Date of Application	Start Time	End Time	Total Time ^d	"Total Time" Spent on Non-Qualifying Activities ^e	Total Qualifying Time in Service ^f
Applicator in Training	Supervising Applicator (if applicable)									
Grand Total										

^a Full name and the license number from the state in which the application took place.

^b State where application took place.

^c To qualify, you must either be, or receive in-person training from, the primary person responsible for operating the application equipment controls. Training must be reasonably free from distractions.

^d Total Time = End Time – Start Time

^e Activities that will not count toward qualifying time include mixing & loading, refueling, breaks, computer simulated applications, and flight time not related to the application of pesticides or similar substances (ORS 634.128(2)(d)).

^f Includes only flight time (time in service) during application and to and from the application site. Total Qualifying Time in Service = Total Time – Time Spent on Non-Qualifying Activities

*This example record is separate from the requirements for pesticide application records described in ORS 634.146 and OAR 603-057-130.

Signature_____ Date_____