

Aerial Pesticide Applicator Licensing Guide

Oregon law now includes additional requirements to obtain and maintain an Aerial Pesticide Applicator's license.

Obtaining Your License

To obtain an Aerial Applicator license you must:

1. Be actively licensed as a Commercial, Public or Private Pesticide Applicator in Oregon.
2. Take and pass an Oregon Aerial Applicator's [exam](#), or equivalent exam.
 - Information about study material can be found [here](#).
3. Have 50 or more hours of [documented experience](#) as a licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator, licensed Public Applicator, or certified Private Applicator; or flight training experience as a licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator, licensed Public Applicator, certified Private Applicator, Immediately Supervised Trainee, or Pesticide Apprentice under the supervision of a certified Aerial Pesticide Applicator; on flights conducted for the purpose of carrying out, or training to carry out, spraying or otherwise applying pesticides by aircraft;
4. Attest on the application that you hold a FAA medical certificate that is valid for the entire Oregon license period (through December 31);
 - Small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) Applicators are exempt.
5. Provide a valid:
 - Commercial Pilot's Certificate issued by the FAA under Part 61 (front and back required) and/or;
 - A Remote Pilot Certificate with a small UAS rating under Part 107 (front and back required)

It is requested that you also provide a current Agricultural Aircraft Operator's Certificate (Part 137) for the aircraft (including UAS's) being used.

Note: You will be sent an application for the Aerial Applicator license once you complete steps 1 and 2 above. Please submit copies of supporting documentation to the address or secure fax listed on the application.

Maintaining your License

The certification cycle for your existing Commercial, Public or Private Applicator's license will be aligned with the certification cycle of your Aerial Pesticide Applicator's license. This will allow you the full 5-year cycle to complete the other major requirement of the new law, which is the requirement that you must earn 10 ODA-approved credits in programs of instruction or educational courses related to the application of pesticides by aircraft. If you do not earn 10 credit hours within your certification period, you must retake the aerial exam.

The aerial-specific required recertification hours for the following license types are:

- **Commercial/Public Applicators (total of 40 credits).** The 10 aerial-specific credits hours **are part** of the required 40 hours of recertification needed to maintain an applicator license. A maximum of 15 credits, including aerial-specific credits, can be accumulated per year.
 - If during your recertification cycle, you earn your 10 hours of aerial-specific training, but do not also earn at least an additional 30 credit hours, you will need to retest and pass any exams that you need as part of your Commercial or Public Applicator's license. You will not be issued an Aerial Applicator's license without a valid Commercial or Public Applicator's license.

- **Private Pesticide Applicators (total of 26 credits).** The 10 aerial-specific hours are **in addition** to the required 16 credit hours needed to maintain a Private license. A maximum of 8 credits per year can be accumulated, excluding aerial-specific credits (i.e. you are able to earn more than 8 aerial specific credits in one year).
 - If during your recertification cycle, you earn 10 hours of aerial-specific credits, but do not also earn the required 16 hours of credits, you will need to retest and pass the Private Applicator's exam. You will not be issued an Aerial Applicator's license without a valid Private Applicator's license.

Where can I get more information?

For additional information contact the Pesticides Program, Oregon Department of Agriculture, at (503) 986-4635.