



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator (NPA) License Fact Sheet for Wine Producers

DO I NEED THE NPA LICENSE?

In part, the NPA license is required for those who apply, use, or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) on property they or their employer owns or leases for a purpose other than the production of an agricultural commodity. This includes employees of wineries who fumigate their wine barrels or corks with sulfur dioxide. Please see the license scenario table on the next page.

HOW DO I BECOME QUALIFIED FOR A NPA LICENSE?

If you are a certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator with an appropriate license category (e.g., IIHS: Space Fumigation), you already qualify to apply for the NPA license without needing to take additional exams. Alternatively, individuals who are at least 18 years of age may take and pass the required exams. You can find [study material](#) for exams and information about [scheduling exams](#) on the ODA website. Additional options and information are discussed in the frequently asked questions document.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE NPA LICENSE?

Beginning on November 17, 2023, you can apply for this license using a form available on the [ODA website](#). Note: The online license renewal system on the ODA website cannot be used to apply for a new NPA license, but it will be available in November 2024 for those wishing to renew their 2025 NPA license. This means anyone who wants to apply for a new NPA license for 2024 must apply using a paper application.

I AM CURRENTLY LICENSED AS A PRIVATE APPLICATOR AND USE THIS LICENSE TO FUMIGATE MY WINE BARRELS OR CORKS WITH SULFUR DIOXIDE. CAN I KEEP USING MY CURRENT LICENSE?

No. Under updated federal regulations (40 CFR 171), individuals who fumigate their own wine barrels or corks do not meet the federal definition for a private applicator (*i.e.*, apply restricted use pesticides in the production of an agricultural commodity). Therefore, these individuals will need to obtain a Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator (NPA) license with the Industrial, Institutional, Health, and Structural (IIHS): Space Fumigation license category. To qualify for an NPA license, you must pass both the Laws & Safety and the IIHS: Space Fumigation exams.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information is available in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) [document](#) and [ODA Rulemaking Webpage](#).

TABLE 1. WINE PRODUCERS- LICENSING SCENARIOS

Scenario ¹	Licensing Requirement	Required exams
<p>You treat your own barrels and corks with sulfur dioxide fumigant (a restricted use pesticide) on property that you or your employer owns or leases.</p>	<p>The individual applying the pesticide must have a Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator license with the IIHS¹: Space Fumigation license category.² In this case, their employer does not need a pesticide license.</p> <p>Alternatively, if you meet each of the conditions described in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 603-057-0190), the individual applying the pesticide may have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license with the IIHS¹: Space Fumigation license category.² In this case, their employer must also be licensed as a Commercial Pesticide Operator with the IIHS¹: Space Fumigation license category.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Laws & Safety exam •IIHS¹: Space Fumigation exam
<p>Your barrels and corks are treated by someone else with sulfur dioxide fumigant (a restricted use pesticide) on land that you own or lease, or at another location.</p>	<p>The individual applying the pesticide must have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license with the IIHS¹: Space Fumigation license category.²</p> <p>Their employer must have a Commercial Pesticide Operator license with the IIHS*: Space Fumigation license category.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Laws & Safety exam •IIHS¹: Space Fumigation exam

¹Industrial, Institutional, Health, and Structural (IIHS)

² If appropriately supervised by the licensed noncommercial or commercial pesticide applicator with the appropriate license categories and permitted by the pesticide label, a licensed pesticide apprentice or immediately supervised trainee may make the pesticide application.