

STATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR REQUIREMENTS



TENNESSEE

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Issued an Order/Statement On How Implementing C&T During COVID-19?

Yes. Please click [here](#) for further information.

License Categories

- AGE
- AQW
- BDC
- FUM
- FUS
- HLT
- HRI
- GRC
- PCC
- PHMC
- SPC
- WDO

Testing Requirements

You must qualify to take the license exam by:

- 1 Have an active license from another state.
2. Have a degree in a related field (WDO must have 1-year experience in addition to degree)
- 3 Have worked for a cumulative period of 2 years under a licensee in that category (must be documented- a signed certificate of experience, check stubs, W-2's, work orders, etc.). If you have worked under more than one licensee, then you must provide documentation for each one (even if outside TN).

Additional ways to qualify for an HLT license:

4. A minimum of 12 semester hours in horticulture related subjects, or
5. Accrual of 24 CEU's in category 3
6. If you have a valid Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) Certificate plus one year of full-time work experience within that category of work.

In-person/On-line	At selected vendor location
When Offered	Up to Applicant choice
Where	PSI maintains 7 locations across the state, currently two are testing (Nashville and Memphis)

Requirements to Take Test

In Tennessee, you must have a certification in the category in which you wish to work if you are applying restricted-use pesticides. If you make pesticide applications *for a fee* then you must be certified and work for a licensed, chartered company in TN per State Law to make applications of *any* product, even general use products that one might purchase from Wal Mart or Lowes.

One must have an active certification in the category in which you wish to work before you can be approved to take the corresponding license exam. If the certification is expired, then the license is no longer valid so you must continue to keep the certification current if you have a license.

Those working under a licensee's supervision must have the corresponding certification to make application or to solicit for the business.

Applicator License (Core):

- **Commercial Certification:** The state has now outsourced its certification exams through PSI.

Navigating to www.psiexams.com will allow candidates to pay for and schedule their respective certification exams.

The certification test locations and dates available at each PSI location, are indicated on the [website](#).

How frequently do you have to retest (if at all?): If the required points are not accrued by June 30st of the third year of the fixed 3-year certification cycle, then the certification will expire and will have to be taken over.

Business License Required? Charter/license functions as state business license.

Continuing Education

How many credits for each category?

- **C01** – Agricultural Plant- 18
- **C02** – Forest Pest Control- 12
- **C03** – Ornamental & Turf- 18
- **C04** – Seed Treatment- 12
- **C05** – Aquatic Pest Control- 12
- **C06** – Right of Way- 18
- **C07** – Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health Related Pest Control- 30
- **C08** – Public Health- 18
- **C10** – Demonstration and Research and Regulatory Pest Control- 18
- **C11** – Wood Preservatives- 9
- **C12** – Pesticide Dealer- 18
- **C13** – Antifouling Marine Paint
- **C14** – Microbial Pest Control- 12
- **C16** – Sewer Line Treatment- 9
- **LHA**- Limited Herbicide- 18

Time period to complete 3 years ending on June 30, 2020.

In-person vs. Online: The required CEU's may be accrued $\frac{1}{2}$ through external training (face to face), $\frac{1}{2}$ internal training (webinars, video's, company mtgs)