

CATEGORIES OF PRIVATE APPLICATORS

A private applicator is a certified pesticide applicator who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide which is classified for restricted use for the purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the applicator or the applicator's employer if applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities on the property of another person.

Private pesticide applicators are further divided into categories and subcategories. Categories are assigned to general patterns of use and sites where specific knowledge related to the use pattern or site is required to demonstrate competency. A person may be certified in as many categories as necessary. The categories are as follows:

Category 1. GENERAL AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL

Includes private applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides (excluding the use of fumigants) in production of agricultural commodities.

Category 2. AGRICULTURAL FUMIGATION – Concerns agricultural pest control with fumigants.

Includes private applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides for soil fumigation in production of an agricultural commodity and the application of restricted use pesticides for fumigation of agricultural products, including seeds. Certification in this category requires concurrent certification in Category 1, General Agricultural Pest Control.

Category 3. AGRICULTURAL CHEMIGATION

Includes private applicators engaged in the control of agricultural pest control with restricted use pesticides applied through irrigation systems. Certification in this category requires concurrent certification in Category 1, General Agricultural Pest Control.