

NOTICE TO VERMONT PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND PESTICIDE DEALERS

All Vermont pesticide applicator and dealer exams are closed book. No reference materials may be used. Calculators are allowed and encouraged. We reserve the right to check your current, state-issued picture ID to verify your name before you take any exams.

The passing score on all exams is 75%. Commercial and non-commercial applicators must achieve a passing score on the CORE exam and at least one category exam in order to become certified.

One failing grade requires a waiting period of 7 days for retake. Two consecutive failing grades require a waiting period of 28 days (4 weeks) from the initial test date in order to take the exam for a third time. Maximum of 3 exam takes are allowed per calendar year. **A \$25.00 fee is charged for each retake of the exams.**

Commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicator *exams* are valid for a period of 5 years.

During those 5 years, private applicators must earn 8 recertification credits, and commercial and non-commercial applicators must earn 16 recertification credits in order to renew their exams for another five years. Applicators with insufficient credits at the end of the five-year period must retake all appropriate exams to re-certify.

Dealer licenses are valid if annual renewal fees and paperwork are complete.

To prepare for your examinations, thoroughly read the information in all appropriate study manuals:

- Private Applicators: Private CORE Manual
- Commercial, Non-Commercial and Government Applicators: Commercial CORE Manual, all required CORE inserts, and appropriate category manuals
- Pesticide Dealers: Dealer CORE Manual

In addition, all applicators and dealers must be thoroughly familiar with the *Vermont Rule for Control of Pesticides*. A copy of the Rule is provided in Chapter 16 of this CORE manual.

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