

NOTICE TO VERMONT PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND PESTICIDE DEALERS

All Vermont pesticide applicator and dealer exams are closed book. No reference materials may be used. Non-cell-phone 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 and Worker Protection Standard (WPS) How-to-Comply 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 on the Agency's Applicator Certification website which should be inserted as Chapter 16 of the CORE manual.

Please contact 802-282-1732 or agr.pest@vermont.gov if you have any questions.