

## QAL/QAC Subcategory Holders Renewal Information

Beginning January 1, 2024, the following DPR Qualified Applicator License (QAL) and Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) subcategories will be eliminated and ineligible for renewal or initial certification:

- Subcategory L – Wood Preservation
- Subcategory M – Antifouling Tributyltin
- Subcategory N – Sewer Line Root Control
- Subcategory O – Field Fumigation Pest Control
- Subcategory P – Microbial Pest Control

For information on how this may impact your renewal, see the following:

- Renewal Scenario 1: Individuals who hold **only** one or more subcategory(ies).
- Renewal Scenario 2: Individuals who hold one or more subcategory(ies) **and** any of the QAL/QAC categories of A-K.

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### *Renewal Scenario 1*

If you hold **only** one or more of these subcategories, you must take the following action to continue to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides or supervise a pest control business:

**Action** - Obtain one or more of the appropriate category(ies) consistent with DPR's revised regulations and your pest control activities before January 1, 2024.

- If you complete this action, you do not need to obtain continuing education hours before January 1, 2024. You must submit an application to DPR and pass the appropriate category(ies) examination(s) consistent with DPR's revised regulations.
  - After January 1, 2024, your status of passing DPR's Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles examination will remain current for one year (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) and you may submit an application to DPR and pass the appropriate category(ies) examination(s) before January 1, 2025. Note that you will not have a valid DPR license or certificate until you pass a category examination.
- If you are unable to take and pass the appropriate category(ies) examination(s) for any reason before January 1, 2025, your license or certificate number will be retired. You must apply as a new applicant and fulfill all the requirements of a new applicant, including taking the Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles examination and appropriate category(ies) examination(s). Once these requirements have been met, you will be issued a new license or certificate number.

## *Renewal Scenario 2*

If you hold one or more of these subcategories **and** any of the QAL/QAC categories of A-K, you must take the following actions:

**Action** – Obtain one or more of the appropriate category(ies) consistent with DPR’s revised regulations and your pest control activities before January 1, 2024.

- If you complete this action, you may continue the work you currently conduct under a subcategory(ies) uninterrupted in 2024.
- On January 1, 2024 any subcategory(ies) on your license or certificate will be removed.

**Action** – Complete the required amount of continuing education (CE) for the renewal of your license or certificate.

- If you hold any of the QAL/QAC categories of A-K, the required amount of CE must be completed for the renewal of your license or certificate. This is required for renewal regardless of the existing subcategories you hold.

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The application(s) to take examination(s) for categories A-K and the new Soil Fumigation (Category L) and Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) are available on DPR’s [Certification and Training webpage](#). Questions may be directed to [LicenseMail@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:LicenseMail@cdpr.ca.gov).