

Licensing and Continuing Education

A variety of pest management licensing and training opportunities exist in California. The following organizations can provide information about licensing and/or training:

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation regulates pesticide use and sales and fosters reduced-risk pest management. For information about any of DPR's programs phone 916-324-4100 or see the Web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov.
 - The School IPM Program offers six-hour IPM workshops in school facilities four times per year in different parts of the state. The workshop present IPM principles, hands-on demonstrations, and pest inspection tours around school buildings and grounds. Check the Web site www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm for current sessions.
 - Licensing: DPR is responsible for examining and licensing qualified pesticide applicators, and for certifying pesticide applicators that use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides. See the Licensing and Certification Program Web page at www.cdpr.ca.gov. DPR's licenses focus primarily on agricultural uses although maintenance gardeners are licensed by DPR.
 - Pesticide Training: DPR has a list of all approved continuing education classes on the Web site that are frequently updated. Go to www.cdpr.ca.gov and click on either the Licensing and Certification Program link or the School IPM page link.
- The Structural Pest Control Board licenses businesses and individuals to perform control of structural pests. They also offer training. Contact them at 916-561-8700 or online at <http://www.pestboard.ca.gov>.
- Local community colleges: See the local yellow pages or go to <http://www.cccco.edu/> for more information.
- California State University: Visit homepage at <https://www2.calstate.edu/> for details.
- UC IPM's Pesticide Safety Education Program. This program develops, tests, evaluates, and disseminates pesticide safety education models and materials in order to promote the safest and most effective use of pesticides. See <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/GENERAL/pesticides.html> for details and up-to-date class listings or call (530) 752-5273.
- UC Cooperative Extension: Each county has a cooperative extension office that can offer IPM training. You can find your local cooperative extension office at <https://ucanr.edu/>.
- County Offices of Agriculture: The county offices often offer pesticide and/or IPM training. The County Offices of Agriculture are listed at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/county/County_Liaison.html
- Many professional associations include IPM training at annual meetings or hold separate IPM training sessions.