

DPR's Licensing & Certification Program

Mandated Goal

- Ensure that people selling, possessing, storing, handling, applying and recommending the use of pesticides are knowledgeable in their safe use.
- Local enforcement and certification of private applicators delegated to CACs

State Authority

(FAC section 11502.5 etc.; CCR 6500-6576)

- Specific licenses for individual and businesses
- Minimum requirements for education, training, experience & exams
- Renewals require continued education hours to remain competent or re-exam

Federal Authority

(40 CFR Section 171.7)

- States develop plans for certification of commercial and private applicators of restricted use pesticides





Licensing and Certification Program

What We Do



Assures Licensee Competency

- Study Guide and Exam Development (26 Guides & 40 Exams)
- Approves and Audits Continuing Education (2,500 courses, 800 sponsors)
- Train-the-Trainer Programs
- Continuous Outreach



Processes new and renewal licenses and certificates for: individuals, businesses, dealers, brokers, and advisers



Evaluates and writes laws and regulations, updates forms and web pages; conducts outreach, provides CE

Each Year DPR...



Renews 15,000
licenses

Adds 2,500 new
licensees

Proctors 9,000
exams at 40
locations

Approves 2,500
continuing
education courses

DPR Individual Licenses and Certificates *September 2015*



Qualified Applicator License (QAL):	9,900
Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC):	11,300
Pest Control Aircraft Pilot Certificate:	400
Agricultural Pest Control Adviser (PCA):	4,000
Dealer Designated Agent:	670

Total Number of DPR Individual License/Cert.: ~ 26,000

Number of private applicators certified by CACs = ~19,000

DPR Business Licenses

September 2015

Maintenance Gardener Business: 1,058

Pest Control Business: 2,467

(branch locations): 472

Pest Control Brokers (main): 164

(branch locations): 91

Pest Control Dealer (main): 371

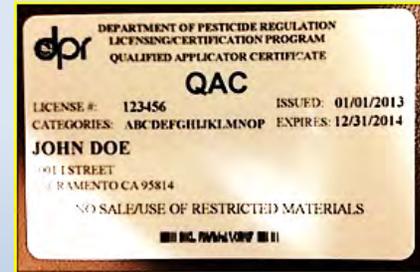
(branch locations): 447



Total Number of Business Licenses

~ 5,000

Additional Information about Pesticide Licensing....



- **17** Qualified Applicator License and Certificate categories –
 - most categories are “setting” specific,
 - some are specific type of application, method, or pesticide
 - 20 hours of CE to renew
- **8** Pest Control Adviser License categories – Pest specific
 - 40 hours of CE to renew
- Two-year license/certificates with alternating renewal based on last name or business name (M-Z renews in 2015!)
- Expire December 31 every other year
- Private applicator certificates – general exam
 - good for 3 years, 6 hours CE to renew
 - issued and renewed by the CACs



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