Who Needs It?

Any person who is responsible for supervising the operations of a licensed pest control dealer. Each licensed pest control dealer must maintain a designated agent at the principal office and an agent at each branch location (FAC section 12101.5, 3 CCR section 6560).

Exemptions: If the responsible person is a licensed agricultural pest control adviser, qualified applicator licensee, or pest control aircraft pilot certificate holder, then that person would not have to be licensed as a designated agent.

What’s Required to Obtain the License?

- Submit a $25.00 initial application fee (FAC section 12252)
- Submit examination fee of $50.00 for each exam to be taken (FAC section 11502.5[b])
- Pass a written examination on the sale and use of pesticides and pest control dealer responsibilities (FAC section 12253)

Additional Requirements the Agent Performs for His/Her Employer.

- Responsible for the active supervision of employees who use and sell pesticides
- Exercise responsibility in carrying out the business of a pest control dealer
- Prepare and maintain for two years records of all pesticides sold or delivered
- Maintain a copy of each Operator Identification Number
- When a pesticide is sold for agricultural use without a recommendation, the invoice or delivery slip must state that nonrecommendation has been made. The invoice or delivery slip must be provided to the customer or his agent at the time of delivery
- Before the sale or delivery of a restricted material, the dealer must obtain a copy of the purchaser’s restricted materials permit
- Send a list of Operator Identification Numbers with corresponding names of person purchasing pesticides during the quarter to each commissioner who issued the numbers
- The dealer is not required to send the Operator Identification Numbers list to the commissioner of the county in which the dealer is located

References: Food and Agricultural Code sections 12251 - 12258 and 11502.5
Title 3, California Code of Regulations section 6560 - 6570.