You must meet the minimum qualifications listed below before you can take the agricultural pest control adviser (PCA) licensing examinations. Please submit the Agricultural Pest Control Adviser Core Course Requirements for New License Applicants form (PR-PML-085) to ensure you meet these requirements.

### Options to fulfill minimum qualifications

**You must meet one** of the following options in order to qualify for this license.

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| Option 1 | Bachelor's degree (i.e., B.A. or B.S.) in one of the following areas:  
- Agricultural sciences  
- Biological sciences  
- Natural sciences  
- Pest management | 42 semester or 63 quarter units in the following areas:  
- Physical and biological sciences  
- Crop health  
- Pest management systems and methods  
- Production systems | Letter | 2.0 grade point average in all core courses |

**Option 1 Required Documents:**

- Official college/university transcript(s) verifying Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Natural Sciences or Pest Management.
- Letter(s) from your employer(s) verifying your technical experience and time employed if applicable for college course credit.
- Valid Certified Crop Adviser License copy.
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser Core Course Requirements for New License Applicants, form (PR-PML-085), completion to show applicant meets minimum qualifications for the license.
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License Application form (PR-PML-084).
- Payment for the application and examination fees.

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| Option 2 | Doctoral degree (i.e., Ph.D.) in one of the following areas:  
- Agricultural sciences  
- Biological sciences  
- Natural sciences  
- Pest management | None required | None required | None required |

**Option 2 Required Documents:**

- Official college/university transcript(s) verifying PhD. in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Natural Sciences or Pest Management.
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License Application form (PR-PML-084).
- Payment for the application and examination fees.

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| Option 3 | None required | 42 semester or 63 quarter units in the following areas:  
- Physical and biological sciences  
- Crop health  
- Pest management systems and methods  
- Production systems | 24 months combined | 2.0 grade point average in all core courses |

**Option 3 Required Documents:**

- Official college/university transcript(s) to verify the core courses completed meets the 42 semester or 63 quarter units requirement.
- Letter(s) from your employer verifying your technical experience and time employed as meeting the 24 months requirement.
- Letter(s) from your employer(s) verifying your technical experience and time employed if applicable for college course credit. The technical experience used to fulfill the 24 months requirement, can not be used to meet the college credit requirement.
- Valid Certified Crop Adviser License copy for college credit if applicable.
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License form (PR-PML-084).
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser Core Course Requirements for new License Applicants form (PR-PML-085) – completion to show applicant meets the minimum qualifications for the license.
- Payment of the application and examination fees.

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**Work experience**

The following table lists the 24 months of work experience required by Option 3.

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- Assistant to a licensed agricultural pest control adviser  
- Assistant to a pest management specialist (e.g., farm adviser, certified commercial applicator, certified private applicator, or licensed pest control dealer)  
- Field sweeper, field checker, or scout  
- Participant in field or laboratory research activities relating to pest control  
- Participant in agricultural pest control/management activities for a federal, state, or county entity  
- Qualified applicator licensee in category A, C-J, or L-Q for a licensed pest control business  
- Farm operator involved in agricultural pest control/management activities  
- Assistant to or as a certified crop adviser accredited by the American Society of Agronomy |
| 12 months only (the other 12 months must come from above) |  
- Qualified applicator licensee in category B or K for a licensed pest control business  
- Structural pest control operator or field representative for a registered structural pest control company |

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The following table lists the core courses required by Options 1 and 3.

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| Physical, biological sciences and natural sciences | • Inorganic chemistry  
• Organic chemistry  
• Biochemistry  
• Plant biology or botany  
• General ecology  
• Biology  
• Genetics  
• Plant physiology  
• Zoology                                                                                                             | 12  
18                                                                                                               |
| Crop health                                    | • Soils and irrigation  
• Vegetative management or weed science  
• Plant pathology  
• Entomology  
• Plant nutrition or fertility  
• Nematology  
• Vertebrate management  
• Senior project, internship, cooperative work experience, independent study, dissertation, or thesis (for a total of only 3 semester or 4.5 quarter units) | 9  
13.5                                                                                                               |
| Pest management systems and methods (with at least one course emphasizing integrated pest management principles) | **Applied courses in ...**  
• Entomology  
• Plant pathology  
• Vegetation management or weed science  
• Other pest management disciplines  

**Courses related to ...**  
• Pesticides or use of pesticides  
• Pest control equipment systems  
• Alternative cropping systems  
• Sustainable or organic agricultural systems  

**Or ...**  
• Biological control  
• Senior project, internship, cooperative work experience, independent study, dissertation, or thesis (for a total of only 3 semester or 4.5 quarter units) | 6  
9                                                                                                               |
| Production systems                             | • Horticulture  
• Viticulture  
• Forestry  
• Agronomy  
• Crop, vegetable, fruit, or animal sciences  
• Other production systems (e.g., wildlife production, cattle production)  
• Senior project, internship, cooperative work experience, independent study, dissertation, or enterprise project (for a total of only 3 semester or 4.5 quarter units) | 6  
9                                                                                                               |
| Electives                                      | May be any course listed in the crop health, pest management systems and methods, and production systems core areas                                                                                                       | 9  
13.5                                                                                                               |
| Total units required                          |                                                                                                                                                                | 42  
63                                                                                                               |