Who Needs It?

Any person who supervises the pesticide application (restricted use and/or general use pesticide) made by a licensed Pest Control Business and is responsible for the safe and legal operation of the pest control business (FAC sections 11701-11709)

or

Any person who uses or supervises the use of a federally restricted use pesticide or state restricted material for any purpose or on any property other than that provided by the definition of “private applicator” (3 CCR section 6000).

What’s Required?

- Submit an initial application fee of $80.00 (FAC section 12201).
- Submit examination fee of $50.00 for each exam to be taken (FAC section 11502.5).
- Pass the Laws and Regulations Examination and at least one pest control category examination. The pest control categories available under this license are as follows (FAC section 12203):
  
  - A. Residential, Industrial, and Institutional
  - B. Landscape Maintenance
  - C. Right-of-Way
  - D. Plant Agriculture
  - E. Forest
  - F. Aquatic
  - G. Regulatory
  - H. Seed Treatment
  - I. Animal Agriculture
  - J. Demonstration and Research
  - K. Health Related
  - L. Wood Preservative
  - M. Antifouling Paints or Coatings Containing Tributyltin
  - N. Sewer Line Root Control
  - O. Field Fumigation
  - P. Microbial Pest Control

Additional Requirements!

- Accumulate at least 20 hours of approved continuing education every two years before license renewal. Four of the 20 hours must cover the topic of pesticide laws and regulations (3 CCR section 6511).
- Qualified Applicator Licenses with only category H,M,N, or P need fewer CE hours. See http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cerequir.pdf for more information.

References: Food and Agricultural Code sections 11701.5, 12201 - 12205 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations section 6000.