Approved Courses
for the
Pest Control Adviser
Minimum Qualifications
Our mission is to protect human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use, and by fostering reduced-risk pest management.

DPR’s databases (including product and label queries, CalPIP and School IPM HELPR) will be unavailable Friday, September 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., due to necessary maintenance.

Latest News & Information

- 2016-2017 School IPM Recordkeeping Calendar, PDF
- 2016 License Renewal Poster, PDF (En Español, PDF)
- Occurrence, Distribution and Accumulation of Pesticides in Exterior Residential Areas
- Environmental Fate and Ecotoxicology of Propanil: a Review
- Distribution of Pesticides in Dust Particles in Urban Environments

Latest Publications Online

- Reporting Pesticide Problems
- FAQ
- Decisions Pending and Opportunities for Public Participation
- Environmental Justice
- How to get a License or Product Registration
- Español, Punjabi, Hmong Resources
- Reducing Pesticides in Schools
Licensing and Certification Program

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Sign up to receive e-mail updates on DPR’s Licensing Program activities.

About Licensing
Visit the local County Agricultural Commissioner for private applicator certificate information.
Visit the Structural Pest Control Board for structural pest control licensing information.
Visit the California Department of Public Health for vector control technician certification information.

What’s New in Licensing

- 2016 Exam schedule, PDF (57 kb)
- College courses currently approved to meet the PCA minimum education requirements
- Letter to all CE Sponsors about topics that can be approved for CE.
- Approval of CE topics, PDF (81 kb)

- License and certificate holders with surnames or business names starting with A-L renew this year! Renewal packets will be mailed August 2016. Applications must be submitted to DPR by November 1, 2016 to be renewed by December 31, 2016. If you submit before October, you will have your license by early December and you can register with the County Agricultural Commissioner office before the New Year. Processing takes 60 days.
- 2016 License Renewal Poster, PDF (452 kb) – This poster can be used by CE sponsors, pest control businesses, Agricultural Commissioner staff, or others to inform DPR licensees about the importance of submitting their renewal applications early.
- 2016 License Renewal PowerPoint, PPT (1 mb) – These slides can be used by CE sponsors, CACs, or others to inform individuals about the DPR renewal process and to promote early application submittal.

LICENSE & CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION
- Valid Licenses and Certificates (Individual and Businesses)
- Expired Pest Control Business Licenses

INDIVIDUAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATES
- Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License
- Pest Control Aircraft Pilot Certificate
- Pest Control Dealer Designated Agent License
- Qualified Applicator Certificate
  - Maintenance Gardener Pest Control
- Qualified Applicator License
Agricultural Pest Control Adviser (PCA)

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Sign up to receive e-mail updates on DPR’s Licensing Program activities.

New PCA Applicants

- Complete application package, PDF (183 kb)
  - Knowledge expectations
  - Study materials, PDF (91 kb)

- 2016 Exam schedule, PDF (57 kb)

[UPDATED] College courses currently approved to meet the PCA minimum education requirements

- Directions on how to get a college course approved by DPR for PCA minimum education requirement, PDF (137 kb) – For college staff or perspective PCA’s use

If you are a first time PCA applicant, or university or college staff member and have questions about the PCA application process, or have questions about the minimum education course requirements or how to get a course approved by DPR, please contact us at: PCAmall@cdpr.ca.gov

Renewals

- [NEW] License renewal application packet, PDF (463 kb)

Miscellaneous

- Re-examination or adding new category application, PDF (105 kb) (PR-PML-083)
- General information, PDF (34 kb) (after you’re licensed)
- Annual county registration requirements, PDF (50 kb) (Excel, 49 kb)
- Change of name/address form, PDF (57 kb) (PR-PML-002)
College Courses Approved to Meet the PCA Minimum Education Requirements

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The courses listed are those that DPR felt best complemented a PCA’s typical scope of work and met the requirements of Section 6550 of the California Code of Regulations which describes the PCA minimum education qualifications.

List of Approved PCA Courses

Note: Colleges and courses may be added by DPR if applicable, or courses may be deleted if the curriculum is revised.

For more information, please contact:
Department of Pesticide Regulation’s PCA Program
Email: PCAmall@cdpr.ca.gov
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DPR's list of college courses that are currently approved to meet the PCA minimum education requirements.

University of California
University of California, Davis
- Physical and Biological Sciences, PDF (86 kb)
- Crop Health, PDF (77 kb)
- Pest Management Systems and Methods, PDF (75 kb)
- Production Systems, PDF (82 kb)

California State University
Cal Poly State University, Pomona
- Physical and Biological Sciences, PDF (88 kb)
- Crop Health, PDF 75 kb)
- Pest Management Systems and Methods, PDF (74 kb)
- Production Systems, PDF (80 kb)

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo
- Physical and Biological Sciences, PDF (90 kb)
- Crop Health, PDF (71 kb)
- Pest Management Systems and Methods, PDF (75 kb)
- Production Systems, PDF (89 kb)

California State University, Chico
- Physical and Biological Sciences, PDF (81 kb)
- Crop Health, PDF (73 kb)
- Pest Management Systems and Methods, PDF (72 kb)
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What if the course you want to take, or already completed is not listed?

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Questions?