

Suggest Study Material Source List
Agricultural Pest Control Adviser (PCA) License

Studying the suggested study material can make the difference between passing and failing Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) PCA examinations. The examinations are based on the study materials listed below. Options for obtaining the study material include purchasing, viewing or downloading from the web, and borrowing from public or college libraries.

Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles of Safe and Effective Pesticide Use
Basic Principles of Integrated Pest Management (Core Exam)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Integrated Pest Management.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/ipm.pdf
<u>Laws and Regulations Study Guide, Third Edition.</u> DPR, 2020.	DPR, online: http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/laws_regs_study_guide.pdf
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849

Insects, Mites and Other Invertebrates (Category A)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Insects, Mites, and Other Invertebrates.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/arthropod.pdf
<u>Entomology and Pest Management, Sixth Edition</u> (or later edition). L.P. Pedigo.	Book sellers, libraries
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849
<u>Pest identification: Insects, mites, & other invertebrates.</u>	UC, online: http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PCA/pcainvert.html
<u>How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides</u> , article. H. Riedl, E. Johansen, L. Brewer, and J. Barbour, 2006.	Oregon State University, Pacific Northwest Extension Publication, online: www.science.oregonstate.edu/bpp/insect_clinic/pests/pnw591.pdf
<u>Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees.</u> B. Moisset and S. Buchmann, 2011.	United States Department of Agriculture, online: http://www.fs.usda.gov/internet/fse/_stelprdb5306468.pdf

Plant Pathogens (Category B)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Plant Pathology.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/plntpath.pdf
<u>Plant Pathology, Fifth Edition</u> (or later edition). G.N. Agrios.	Book sellers, libraries
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849
<u>Pest identification: Plant pathogens.</u>	UC, online: http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PCA/pcapath.html
<u>How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides</u> , article. H. Riedl, E. Johansen, L. Brewer, and J. Barbour, 2006.	Oregon State University, Pacific Northwest Extension Publication, online: www.science.oregonstate.edu/bpp/insect_clinic/pests/pnw591.pdf
<u>Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees.</u> B. Moisset and S. Buchmann, 2011.	United States Department of Agriculture, online: http://www.fs.usda.gov/internet/fse/_stelprdb5306468.pdf

Nematodes (Category C)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Nematodes.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/nematode.pdf
<u>Pest Control Adviser Study Guide: Nematodes.</u>	UC, online: http://www231.pair.com/fzwester/courses/kenem/kenem.html
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849

Vertebrate Pests (Category D)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Vertebrate Pest Management.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/vertebrate.pdf
<u>Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage.</u> S.E. Hygnstrom, R.M. Timm, and G.E. Larson, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, 1994.	Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, online: https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/icwdmhandbook/
<u>Pest identification: Vertebrate pests.</u>	UC, online: http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PCA/pcavert.html
<u>The Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook.</u> Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee, UC.	Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee, online: http://vpcrac.org/about/vertebrate-pest-handbook/
<u>Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes, Second Edition.</u> T.P. Salmon, D.A. Whisson, and R.E. Marsh, 2006.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	

Weed Control (Category E)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Weed Control.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/weeds.pdf
<u>Principles of Weed Control, Fourth Edition.</u> California Weed Science Society, 2014.	Book sellers, libraries
<u>Applied Weed Science, Third Edition.</u> M.A. Ross and C.A. Lembi, 2008.	
<u>Pest identification: Weeds.</u>	UC, online: http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PCA/pcaweed.html
<u>Weeds of California and Other Western States.</u> J.M. DiTomaso and E.A. Healy, 2007.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.</u> M.L. Flint, 2012.	

Defoliation (Category F)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Defoliation and Other Harvest Aid Practices.</u>	DPR, online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/defoliate.pdf
<u>Harvest Aid Materials and Practices for California Cotton.</u> R.B. Hutmacher, R.N. Vargas, S.D. Wright, and B.A. Roberts, 2003.	UC, online: http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/4043e.pdf

Plant Growth Regulators (Category G)

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Plant Growth Regulators.</u>	DPR online: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/grthreg.pdf
<u>Plant Growth Regulators, Revised Edition.</u> University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources, 2003.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849

Supplemental PCA Exams Study Material

The PCA examinations are based on the primary suggested study material. It is highly recommended that the primary materials be studied to prepare for the examinations. The supplemental study material listed below *may* offer some additional help.

Study Material	Source
<u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> University of California Integrated Pest Management (UC IPM) Program, 2016.	UC ANR: Order by online catalog: https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/ Order by phone: (800) 994-8849
<u>Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Control.</u> M.L. Flint and S.H. Dreistadt, 1998.	
<u>Weeds of the West, New Revised Edition.</u> Western Society of Weed Science, 2012.	Book sellers, libraries.