

Registration Fee Increase FAQs

1 Which fees are changing and when?

Effective October 1, 2015, the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) application fees will be changing for registration and renewal of new pesticide products and all types of product amendments (substantive changes that require data or reference to data, non-substantive changes including notification of minor changes, and formulation changes).

Application type	Before October 1		On/after October 1
New products	\$750		\$1,150
Amendments	No fee	\$100	\$25
	Non-substantive	Substantive	All amendments
Renewals	\$750		\$1,150

2 Which applications for registration of pesticide products require a fee?

All applications for registration of a pesticide product postmarked on or after October 1, 2015 will require a fee of \$1,150. This includes the following types:

- Full Registrations [Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Insecticide Act (FIFRA) §3]
- Supplemental Registration of Distributor (Subregistrations)
- Additional/Alternate Brand Names
- Master Labels
- Company Ownership Changes
- Product Ownership Transfers
- Experimental Use Permits (FIFRA §5)
- California Only Registrations (e.g., spray adjuvants)

3 Does a change in company ownership and/or a product transfer require an application fee?

Yes, a change in company ownership requires a application fee. DPR processes each product under the new company as a new product registration and requires an application fee.

A product transfer occurs when a product is sold to another registrant. The product transfer does not involve the sale or purchase of the company. DPR processes a product transfer as a new product registration and requires an application fee.

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4 Does a change in company name require a fee?

If the only change is the company name and there is no change in company ownership, no fee is required. However, if labels are submitted to make changes in addition to the company name, a \$25 application fee is required.

5 When submitting data or label changes to fulfill conditions of a conditional registration, is a fee required?

It depends. If data is submitted to fulfill conditions, no fee is required. If in lieu of submitting data, the registrant submits a revised label to fulfill conditions (e.g., adding “Not for use in California” to a use site or pest), it is a label amendment and a \$25 application fee is required. If both data *and* labels are submitted to fulfill the conditions, the \$25 application fee is still required.

6 Which amendments require a fee?

All amendments to a pesticide product postmarked on or after October 1, 2015 require an application fee of \$25.

Type of Amendment	Examples of Changes
Substantive (requires data or reference to)	Adding a crop, site, use, or pest, revising the signal word or precautionary statements
Non-Substantive	Compliance to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Pesticide Registration Notice (PR) (i.e., PR 2007-4, Container Disposal), reformatting, non-FIFRA related changes, correcting typographical or grammatical errors
Formulation Change	Adding an alternate formulation and/or revising a current formulation previously accepted by DPR; includes updating supplier information
Notification of Minor Changes	Delete pests or use sites, delete redundant label statements, change in stated nominal concentration of inert ingredient; see California Notice 2002-01 for other changes allowed by the notification process

7 Why are fees changing?

California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) §12812 states DPR shall establish fees “sufficient to support the expenditure levels for the registration program...” Current fees do not fully support DPR’s registration program. Registration program costs have increased. Additionally, the fee increase will pay for the development of the DPR’s Pesticide Registration Data Management System (PRDMS). DPR has not raised its fees for eleven years. More information on the PRDMS project and the fee increase can be found on DPR’s Web site at <<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/regsdeve.htm>>.

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8 What is PRDMS?

The Pesticide Registration Data Management System (PRDMS) will move DPR's pesticide registration process from the current paper based system to a paperless system. The paperless system will allow registrants and others to apply for registration online and submit electronic documents to DPR's Pesticide Registration Branch. Under the new system, registrants will have the capability to submit documents and renew pesticide products electronically. DPR will continue to accept paper copies of applications, scientific data, etc.; however, proposed labels will be required to be submitted electronically.

PRDMS will streamline the registration process. Submissions will be routed electronically to staff evaluation the submission and the documents will be maintained electronically. There will also be an electronic payment system, which will allow for multiple payment options to pay registration fees, such as (electronic fund transfer, credit card, and check). Once a product is registered, the product label will be available online and accessible to the public. More information on the PRDMS project and the fee increase can be found on DPR's Web site at <<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/regsdeve.htm>>, California Notice 2015-01 at <<http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/canot/2015/ca2015-01.pdf>>, and California Notice 2015-06 at <<http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/canot/2015/ca2015-06.pdf>>.

9 Have application fees changed for other types of registrations?

No, other registration application fees, if any, remain the same for the following types of registrations:

Type of Registration	Fee
Interim Registration (in addition to application fee)	\$5000
Structural Pest Control Device	\$200
Section 18 Emergency Exemption	No fee
Section 24c Special Local Need	No fee
Research Authorization	No fee

10 Does the new fee affect mill assessment?

No, the increase in registration fees does not affect mill assessment. The current mill assessment is \$0.021 per dollar of sales, plus an additional \$0.0075 on agricultural and dual-use products. More information on mill assessment can be found on DPR's Web site at <<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/mill/masesmnu.htm>>.

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11 What do the registration fees cover?

Registration fees cover the cost of the entire pesticide registration process, which includes more than just the Pesticide Registration Branch. The registration process includes evaluations conducted in a number of other DPR Branches including Worker Health and Safety, Environmental Monitoring, Human Health Assessment, Enforcement, and Pest Management and Licensing. Furthermore, the registration fees cover a number of business functions for which fees are not charged such as special local needs registrations (Section 24c's), emergency exemptions from registration (Section 18's), research authorizations, adverse effect notifications, the reevaluation program, coordination aspects of risk assessment and risk mitigation, and the ombudsman. Covered business functions also include intake, indexing scientific studies, label coding into the product label database, maintaining the pesticide data library, public records requests, and licensing of pesticide products (issuance of Certificates of Registration).

12 If a label amendment that required no fee was recently returned, will the new fee be required when resubmitted?

This depends on the date the application was returned and when the resubmission occurs. If the applicant resubmits the label amendment within six (6) months of the date of the return letter, no additional fee is required. If the label amendment has not been resubmitted within six (6) months after the date of the return letter, the original submission will be shredded. Therefore, if the applicant resubmits after that time period, the applicant will need to resubmit the application and all relevant documents, and provide DPR with a \$25 amendment fee.

13 If a returned label amendment that included a \$100 fee is resubmitted, will a \$75 refund be issued?

No, application fees are nonrefundable even when a registrant voluntarily withdraws the application, or the application is returned or denied.

Since the label amendment fee was \$100 at the time the application was originally submitted, no refunds will be provided. If the application is resubmitted within six (6) months of the date of the return letter, no additional fee is required.

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14 A label amendment was returned due to a missing fee. If the label amendment is resubmitted, what fee should be included?

This depends on the date the application was returned and when the resubmission occurs. If the resubmission occurs on or after October 1, 2015, and within the six (6) months of the date of the return letter, a \$100 fee is required (the fee at the time when originally submitted). If the resubmission occurs on or after October 1, 2015, and after the six (6) months of the date of the return letter, the original submission will be shredded. Therefore, the applicant will need to resubmit the application, all relevant documents and data, and a \$25 application fee is required (new fee in effect).

Alternatively, the applicant may withdraw the application at any time and resubmit the entire application on or after October 1, 2015, with the new fee amount.

Amendments	Before October 1, 2015	On/After October 1, 2015
Within 6 months of return date	\$100	\$100
After 6 months of return date	\$100	\$25

15 If a label amendment is submitted with \$100 after October 1, 2015, will a refund be issued?

Yes, if the label amendment is postmarked on or after October 1, 2015, with \$100, a refund of \$75 will be issued.

16 If an application for registration of a new pesticide product is submitted with \$750 after October 1, 2015, will the submission be returned?

Not immediately. If the incorrect fee is submitted, the applicant will be notified and have a specified time period to submit the additional fee. The submission will not be reviewed until full payment is received. If DPR does not receive full payment within the specified timeframe, the submission will be returned.

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17 An application for registration of a new pesticide product was returned due to a missing fee. If the application is resubmitted, what fee should be included?

This depends on the date the application was returned and when the resubmission occurs. If the resubmission occurs on or after October 1, 2015, and within the six (6) months of the date of the return letter, a \$750 fee is required (the fee at the time when originally submitted). If the resubmission occurs on or after October 1, 2015, and after the six (6) months of the date of the return letter, the original submission will be shredded. Therefore, the applicant will need to resubmit the application, all relevant documents and data, and a \$1,150 application fee is required (new fee in effect).

Alternatively, the applicant may withdraw the application at any time and resubmit the entire application on or after October 1, 2015, with the new fee amount.

New Products	Before October 1, 2015	On/After October 1, 2015
Within 6 months of return date	\$750	\$750
After 6 months of return date	\$750	\$1,150

18 Has the fee changed for the Application for Renewal of Pesticide Registration (product renewal)?

Yes, the fee for the Application for Renewal of Pesticide Registration will be \$1,150 per pesticide product. Please note that if the application is postmarked February 1, 2016, or later, a penalty fee of 20% of the original application fee (\$230) per product, will be assessed. This penalty is added to the original renewal fee and must be sent with the application for renewal before a license will be issued. Notices regarding the renewal of the pesticide product license and application will be mailed mid-October.

19 Can an application for registration of a new pesticide product be submitted before October 1, 2015 under the current fee of \$750, but delay issuance of the license until 2016?

Yes, an application for registration of a new pesticide product and application fee of \$750 can be submitted before October 1, 2015 and have it held for 2016. The applicant must formally request to have the product registration held for 2016. Please note, licenses are processed “first in first out,” therefore, the registration may be a delayed depending on the number of new product registrations held for 2016.

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20 Is there a different application fee for pesticide products that require federal registration than California only registration (e.g., spray adjuvant)?

No, the registration fees are the same whether the product requires federal registration or California only registration.

21 Will a submission be returned if an applicant submits an older version of an application form?

No, the submission will not be returned if it includes an older version of the application form. However, DPR requests that applicants use the new version of the application form for submissions postmarked October 1, 2015 or later. Older versions of DPR's application form will be removed from DPR's Web site on October 1, 2015.

22 If an applicant submits an Application for Renewal of Pesticide Registration (product renewal) and \$750 per product, will the product's license still be issued?

If the incorrect fee is submitted, the applicant will be notified of the deficiency. The license will not be issued until full payment is received and processed. Please note that a penalty fee of \$230 (20% of the original fee) will be assessed per unpaid product, if full payment is not postmarked by January 31, 2016.

23 If an incorrect fee is submitted with an application that includes data, will DPR scientists evaluate the data while the company is working towards submitting the correct fee?

No, neither the submission nor data will be evaluated until full payment is received by DPR.

24 Is it possible for DPR to take a deposit, from which the application fees could then be deducted each time an amendment is submitted?

No.

If you have questions, please contact DPR's Pesticide Registration Branch Ombudsman, Ms. Jolynn Mahmoudi-Haeri by e-mail at <Registration.Ombudsman@cdpr.ca.gov>