

Suggested Study Material Source List

Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) & Qualified Applicator License (QAL)

Studying the suggested study material can make the difference between passing and failing Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) QAC and QAL examinations. The examinations are based on the study materials listed below. Options for obtaining study materials 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 (Core Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles of Safe and Effective Pesticide Use \(Core Exam\)](#).
- [Laws and Regulations Study Guide, Third Edition](#). DPR, 2020.
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). University of California Integrated Pest Management (UC IPM) Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources \(UC ANR\) online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control (Category A Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Residential, Industrial, and Institutional \(Category A\)](#).
- [Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control, Second Edition](#). P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2006.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Landscape Maintenance Pest Control (Category B Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Landscape Maintenance \(Category B\)](#).
- [Landscape Maintenance Pest Control](#). P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2006.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Right-of-Way Pest Control (Category C Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Right-of-Way \(Category C\)](#).
- [Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control](#). S.H. Dreistadt, 2013.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Agricultural Pest Control [Plant] (Category D Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Plant Agriculture \(Category D\).](#)
- [Plant Agriculture Pest Control: A Study Manual for Applicators.](#) UC IPM Program, 2019.
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Forest Pest Control (Category E Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Forest \(Category E\).](#)
- [Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control.](#) S.H. Dreistadt, 2013.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

Aquatic Pest Control (Category F Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Aquatic \(Category F\).](#)
- [Aquatic Pest Control.](#) P.J. O'Connor-Marer and K.K. Garvey, 2001.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Regulatory Pest Control (Category G Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Regulatory \(Category G\).](#)
- California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) [Division 6](#), [Division 7](#), & [Division 13](#).
- [Plant Quarantine Manual.](#) California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Seed Treatment (Category H Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Seed Treatment \(Category H\).](#)
- [Seed Treatment – A National Pesticide Applicator Study Manual.](#) Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC).
 - Order through the [National Pesticide Safety Education Center website](#).
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Agricultural Pest Control [Animal] (Category I Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Animal Agriculture \(Category I\)](#).
- [Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage](#). S.E. Hygnstrom, R.M. Timm, and G.E. Larson, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, 1994.
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Demonstration and Research (Category J Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Demonstration and Research \(Category J\)](#).
- [Demonstration and Research Uses of Pesticides](#). D. Clarke, 2003.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
- Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Division 6 Sections:
 - [6260](#) ○ [6263](#) ○ [6268](#) ○ [6602](#) ○ [6761.1](#)
 - [6261](#) ○ [6264](#) ○ [6270](#) ○ [6618](#)
 - [6262](#) ○ [6266](#) ○ [6272](#) ○ [6619](#)
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Health Related Pest Control (Category K Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Health Related \(Category K\)](#).
- [Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control, Second Edition](#). P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2006.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
- Additional resources:
 - [Mosquitos](#). UC IPM
 - [Rabbits](#). UC IPM
 - [Mosquito Control](#). United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
 - [Introduction to Pesticide Drift](#). U.S. EPA.
 - [Module 5 - Managing Mice and Rats in and around Child Care](#). U.S. EPA.
 - [The Biology and Control of Mosquitoes in California](#). California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
 - [Hepatitis A](#). CDPH.
 - [Hepatitis A](#). Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - [Hepatitis A Factsheet](#). World Health Organization (WHO).
 - [Viral Hepatitis: Q&As for the Public](#). (CDC).
 - [Viral Hepatitis: Q&As for Health Professionals](#). (CDC).
 - [Typhus Fevers: Flea-borne \(murine\) typhus](#). (CDC).
 - [Vector-borne diseases](#). (WHO).
 - [Pesticide Application & Safety Training for Applicators of Public Health Pesticides](#). (CDPH).
 - [Arthropods of Public Health Significance in California](#). (CDPH).
 - [Vertebrates of Public Health Importance in California](#). (CDPH).

Soil Fumigation Pest Control (Category L Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Soil Fumigation \(Category L\).](#)
- [Soil Fumigation, Second Edition.](#) S. Whithaus and L. Blecker, 2023.
 - Order print copies through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
 - Order digital copies through [Google Books](#).
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Non-Soil Fumigation Pest Control (Category M Exam)

- [Knowledge Expectations: Non-Soil Fumigation \(Category M\).](#)
- [Non-Soil Fumigation: A Pesticide Applicator Study Guide.](#) S. Tomasko, 2023.
 - Order print copies through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
 - Order digital copies through [Google Books](#).
- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.](#) UC IPM Program, 2016.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Maintenance Gardener Pest Control (Subcategory Q) FOR QAC ONLY

- [Knowledge Expectations: Maintenance Gardener \(Subcategory Q\).](#)
- [University of California IPM – Maintenance Gardener Exam Preparation Help Page.](#)
- [Lawn and Residential Landscape Pest Control: A Guide for Maintenance Gardeners.](#) S. Cohen, M.L. Flint, and N. Hine, 2009.
 - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

Jardinero de Mantenimiento (Subcategoría Q) SOLAMENTE QAC

- [Lista de Expectativas de Conocimientos para la licencia de certificado de aplicador de pesticidas para jardineros de mantenimiento \(Subcategoría Q\).](#)
- [Página de ayuda de preparación de exámen de control de plagas de jardinero de mantenimiento.](#)
- [Control de plagas para césped y jardines residenciales: Una guía para jardineros de mantenimiento.](#) S. Cohen, M.L. Flint, and N. Hine, 2009.
 - Realice su pedido a través del [catálogo en línea de UC ANR](#) o por teléfono: (800) 994-8849.