

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED AS A PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

Under the Kansas Pesticide Law, private certification authorizes you to use or supervise the use of a restricted use pesticide only to produce an agricultural commodity (1) on property owned or rented by you or your employer, or (2) on the property of another for no compensation other than trading of personal services between producers; or, for controlling ornamental shrubbery or turf pests at your own residence.

Private applicator certification does *not* authorize you to apply pesticides on someone else's property and charge a fee for the service. If you wish to apply pesticides commercially, you must first obtain commercial applicator certification and a business license. Contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture (785-296-3786) for details.

As a private pesticide applicator you must complete the application procedure prescribed by the Kansas State Department of Agriculture, which is as follows:

- ❖ You need to have a "Private Pesticide Applicator Manual". You may download the manual by clicking <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/entml2/mf531.pdf>, or come to Riley County Extension office to obtain a copy.
- ❖ Once you have read the manual, come to the Riley County Extension Office in the Courthouse Annex located at 5th & Humboldt in Manhattan between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to take the test. The test is open book, has 95 multiple choice questions, and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete.
- ❖ You must answer at least 71 questions correctly in order to pass. (71/95 = 75%)
- ❖ Once you complete the test, there is a cost of \$25.00 (check or money order) to be sent to the Department of Agriculture in Topeka, Kansas. If you pass, you should receive your applicators license within 7-10 days.
- ❖ If you should need a license immediately, your test will be graded at the Extension office and if you pass, you will be given an *emergency license* to use until you receive your permanent one.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact one of the following:

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