

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION  
EXAMINATION REGISTRATION FORM  
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**STEP 1: COMPLETE SECTION 1, YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Write the following in the spaces provided:

• **Name:** Enter last name, middle initial, and first name as it is recorded at the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles.

• **NYSDMV Number Required for Exams:** A New York State pesticide certification requires a photograph for all pesticide applicators and technicians. The identification cards are produced by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles using the photograph you have on file with their office. If you do not have a current NYS driver license or non-driver identification card you must go to a DMV office and obtain a photo image capture. Bring the DMV receipt with the 9-digit DMV identification number to the exam session.

An applicant may apply for an exemption from submitting to photographic imaging as part of the pesticide exam process if that applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation that taking a photograph would violate the applicant's religious beliefs forbidding the making of photographic images. This documentation must be submitted to the regional office you will be testing in.

• **Date of Birth:** Enter your date of birth using a 2 digit month, 2 digit day, and 4 digit year.  
Example: 01/08/1990.

• **Mailing address:** PO Box or street address, city, state, and zip code.

• **Daytime Phone:** Enter a phone number, including area code, where the Department may reach you during business hours if there are any questions with your application.

• **E-Mail (Optional):** Provide a valid e-mail address for electronic correspondence. You WILL continue to receive mailing via the US Postal Service if an e-mail address is entered.

• **NYSDEC Pesticide Certification No.:** Those applicants that currently hold, or have previously held, a pesticide certification through the Department enter that number here.

• **Felony Information:** The Department may deny an application for pesticide certification if the applicant or certified applicator has been convicted of a felony. Each felony is reviewed on a case by case basis. If you are interested in obtaining a determination regarding a felony conviction prior to taking the exam, visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/45618.html> for additional information and instruction. NOTE: There is no refund of your exam fee if your pesticide certification is denied due to a felony conviction.

**STEP 2: COMPLETE SECTION 2, CHOOSE THE EXAM(S) YOU WISH TO TAKE**

For each exam session, you can register for either a combination of the core and one category/subcategory exam or one category/subcategory exam. On occasion, a Regional Office may be able to accommodate requests for up to two category/subcategory exams. You can inquire about this possibility when registering for an exam session with the Regional Office. NOTE: Certified technicians can only hold one category of certification.

• **Categories of Certification:** A brief description of each category of certification available can be found on the Department's website at: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/pestcertcat.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/pestcertcat.pdf). For complete category details refer to NYCRR 325.16 and 325.17 which can be found on the Department's website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4424.html>.

• **Exam Fee:** The fee for the initial core and category/subcategory exam taken at the same session is \$100.00. The fee for each additional category/subcategory exam is \$100.00. Exam fees must be

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made payable to NYSDEC, in the form of a certified check, bank check, money order or another form approved by the Regional Office where you will be taking the exam. The exam fee will NOT be refunded if you fail to attend a scheduled examination session.

• **Proof of Eligibility:** Your training and/or experience must be documented and verified in order to be scheduled for an exam. Acceptable documents of eligibility for initial certification include, but are not limited to, one of the following: Original 30 hour course certificate, Copy of official College Transcript or Qualification letter (must be on company letterhead, signed by applicant and supervisor, and notarized). For further detail on acceptable documents of eligibility please contact your regional DEC office (see below) to speak with a Pesticide Control Specialist.

**STEP 3: COMPLETE SECTION 3, CHOOSE THE EXAM LOCATION:**

Exams are given by the Department's regional offices. Please choose the location where you would like to schedule your exam. It is advised that you contact the appropriate regional office directly prior to mailing your exam registration form.

NYS DEC Region 1\*  
SUNY @ Stony Brook  
Bureau of Pest Management  
50 Circle Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11790  
(631) 444-0340  
[RIpesticides@dec.ny.gov](mailto:RIpesticides@dec.ny.gov)

NYS DEC Region 2\*  
Pesticides Unit  
Bureau of Pest Management  
1 Hunters Point Plaza, 4th Fl  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 482-4994

NYS DEC Region 3  
Bureau of Pest Management  
21 S. Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
(845) 256-3097

**\*NOTE:** Due to the large volume of applicants for testing in Region 1 and Region 2 **ALL** applicants **MUST** call their location of choice for pre-registration.

NYS DEC Region 4  
Bureau of Pest Management  
1130 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
(518) 357-2045

NYS DEC Region 5  
Bureau of Pest Management  
232 Golf Course Road  
Warrensburg, NY 12885  
(518) 623-1200

NYS DEC Region 6  
Bureau of Pest Management  
317 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601  
(315) 785-2513

NYS DEC Region 7  
Bureau of Pest Management  
1285 Fisher Ave.  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 753-3095 x 232

NYS DEC Region 8  
Bureau of Pest Management  
6274 E. Avon-Lima Road  
Avon, NY 14414  
(585) 226-5424

NYS DEC Reg 8 Sub-Office  
Bureau of Pest Management  
7291 Coon Road  
Bath, NY 14810  
(607) 776-2165 x 18

NYS DEC Region 9  
Bureau of Pest Management  
270 Michigan Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 851-7220

**STEP 4: CHOOSE THE EXAM DATE AND TIME:**

Each regional office maintains their exam schedule independently. Visit the Department's website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/nyspad/?0> to view the exams available and contact the appropriate regional office (see above) for pre-registration information.

**STEP 5: SUBMIT TO DEPARTMENT:**

Mail your completed exam registration form, eligibility documentation, and exam fee (payable to NYSDEC) to the office that you would like to schedule your exam (see regional addresses above).

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**DAY OF EXAM:**

**Please bring with you:**

1. No. 2 pencil and a pen
2. Calculator (non-programmable). Any other type of electronic device will not be allowed.
3. Appropriate Category and Core manuals (Applicators, specifically those testing in categories 24 or 11, may want the Worker Protection Standard WPS, How To Comply manual).
4. Government issued driver license or non-driver photo ID.
5. Exams may be graded the same day. Upon successful completion of the exam, please come prepared with a SECOND check to pay your certification fee\*\*. DO NOT COMBINE THE FEES INTO ONE PAYMENT.

**\*\*Certification Fee:** You will be notified of your exam(s) scores through a Pass/Fail Notice.

A certification fee is required before a pesticide certification ID card can be processed. Certification fees must be made payable to NYSDEC, in the form of a certified check, bank check, money order or another form approved by the Regional Office where you will be taking the exam.

Certification Type	Category	Cost	Card Term
Commercial Applicator or Technician	3A Only	\$200	1 year
	3B Only		
	One category (NOT 3A or 3B)	\$450	3 years
Commercial Applicator	First category	\$150	
	Each additional category***		
Aquatic Anti-Fouling Paint Applicator	13	\$450	3 years
Private Applicator (Only/Primary)	Any category	\$ 25	5 years
Private Applicator (Secondary, same farm or agricultural business)		\$ 5	

If you receive your Pass/Fail Notice:

- 1) at the time of the exam – the certification fee is collected and processed without delay; or
- 2) after the day of the exam – the certification fee is due upon receipt of the Pass/Fail Notice. In order to process your certification without delay an expedited Certification Fee Payment Process is available.

**Expedited Certification Fee Payment Process:** Bring your certification fee to your scheduled exam session and it will be processed without delay for those applicants that passed the exam(s). Failures will receive their certification fee payment returned to them with a Pass/Fail Notice in the mail.

If you fail an exam, you must resubmit an Exam Registration Form and exam fee to sign up and/or retake an exam.

**\*\*\*Adding a Category** (only certified applicators can be certified in more than one category). The certification fee for a commercial applicator adding a category (\$150) to an existing certification is prorated based on the applicators current certification cycle with the maximum certification fee being \$150.00. Contact the Regional Office to determine the amount of your certification fee when adding a category to your certification.