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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHANGES TO CATEGORY 3A ONLY AND CATEGORY 3B ONLY PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND TECHNICIANS**

#### **Pesticide Applicators and Technicians Certified in Category 3A Only or Category 3B Only Will Transition to a 3 Year Certification Cycle and a \$450 Certification Fee**

Article 33 has recently been amended as part of the 2018 New York State Budget. These amendments have effected a change to those people certified or getting certified in category 3A only or category 3B only. In order to minimize disruptions and ensure a fair and smooth transition to the new fee and schedule, the following changes are being implemented.

Anyone who has tested for initial certification in category 3A only or category 3B only, passed and did not pay their certification fee until after 4/1/2018 will need to pay the new \$450 fee. Anyone taking the exam after 4/1/18 to become a category 3A only or category 3B only will need to pay the new \$450 fee.

Anyone currently certified in category 3a only or category 3b only will transition at their renewal and recertification points to the new cycle and fee. At their annual renewal point(s) after 4/1/18, an applicator or technician certified in category 3A only or category 3B only will pay a fee of \$150 and receive a certification ID card valid for one year. At their recertification point after 4/1/18, an applicator or technician certified in category 3A only or category 3B only will pay \$450 and receive a card valid for three years. Any category 3A only or category 3B only applicators and technicians owing overdue fees will owe the fees in effect at the time they were due (\$200 per year if before 4/1/18).

Questions about these changes can be directed to the Pesticide Reporting & Certification Section at 518-402-8748 or [pestmgmt@dec.ny.gov](mailto:pestmgmt@dec.ny.gov).