

Basic Comparison of OPM and ADA license requirements related to QPs

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<p>Business Licensee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License needed to apply pesticides for hire</li> <li>• Must have insurance</li> <li>• Pays a \$250 initial and \$200 renewal fee</li> <li>• Must have a qualifying party (QP) working for the business</li> <li>• <u>No exam requirement</u></li> </ul>	<p>Custom Applicator (R3-3-205)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License needed to apply pesticides for hire</li> <li>• Must have insurance</li> <li>• Pays a \$100 annual fee</li> <li>• Must have a commercial applicator (PUC) working for the business</li> <li>• Must pass a core exam and a custom applicator specific exam on calibration of application equipment and application procedures</li> </ul>
<p>Qualifying Party (QP) &amp; Licensed Applicator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pays an initial and renewal fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ QP - \$175 &amp; \$150</li> <li>○ Applicator - \$75 &amp; \$50</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Must pass a core exam and a category specific exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>QP exams test for more detailed knowledge</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Must complete 6 CEUs or re-pass the exams annually to renew</li> <li>• Prior experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>QP – 3000 hours or 2000 hours plus education</u></li> <li>○ Applicator - none</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>QPs are required to be “readily available” to the licensed applicators and employees of the business licensee during normal business hours.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ QPs are responsible for making sure a licensed applicator provides “direct supervision” of all pesticide applications by non-licensed individuals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Have responsibility for their own acts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ QPs also have responsibility for the acts of the Applicators (licensed and unlicensed) under their supervision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Business management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>QPs are required to be active in the management of the business licensee by reviewing pesticide use, storage and disposal, and by ensuring supervision and training of employees.</u></li> <li>○ Applicator – no</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>May make pest control recommendations</u></li> </ul>	<p>Commercial Applicator (PUC) (R3-3-208)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pays a \$50 annual fee</li> <li>• Must pass a core exam and a category specific exam</li> <li>• Must complete 6 CEUs or re-pass the exams annually to renew</li> <li>• No prior experience requirement</li> <li>• No “readily available” requirement</li> <li>• PUCs are required to provide “direct supervision” of restricted use pesticide applications by non-licensed individuals.</li> <li>• Have responsibility for their own acts</li> <li>• No business management requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Custom Applicators have full responsibility for business management.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May not make pest control recommendations or claim to be a general advisor on any pest or pest condition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PCAs have the power to make recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>Qualifying Party (QP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pays a \$175 initial and \$150 renewal fee</li> <li>• Must pass a core exam and a category specific exam, which are more difficult than the applicator exams</li> <li>• <u>Must complete 6 CEUs</u> or re-pass the exams annually to renew</li> <li>• <u>Must have 3000 hours practical experience or 2000 hours practical experience plus 12 semester hours</u> of college-level curricula in specific areas of study</li> </ul>	<p>Pest Control Advisor (PCA) (R3-3-207)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pays a \$50 annual fee</li> <li>• Must pass a core exam and a category specific exam, which are more difficult than the applicator exams</li> <li>• <u>Must complete 15 CEUs</u> or re-pass the exams annually to renew</li> <li>• Must have a bachelor's degree in the agricultural sciences, biological sciences or pest management with <u>45 semester units</u> of college-level curricula in specific areas of study or two years of technical experience and have <u>45 semester units</u> of college-level curricula in specific areas of study.</li> </ul>

Additional specific details of a QP's management responsibilities:

- Ensure applicators are trained and equipped
- Supervise applicators to the extent necessary
- Ensure an applicator is licensed in the appropriate category
- Ensure “immediate supervision” is provided to unlicensed applicators applying a restricted-use pesticide, providing a fumigation, or treating termites
- Prevent an unlicensed applicator from applying pesticides after 90 days
- Ensure applicators have proper PPE and are trained in their use
- Be physically present at the primary business office at least once every 30 days and:
  - Review pesticide records concerning purchase, storage, disposal and inventory
  - Review pesticide inventory to determine compliance with labels
  - Review training, supervision, and equipping of applicators to make sure they are sufficient
  - Review personnel records to make sure applicators are licensed in appropriate categories
  - Determine compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements
  - Ensure that noted deficiencies are taken care of
- Develop a written plan specifying how the QPs duties and responsibilities will be handled in event of the unavailability of the QP
- Notify OPM of certain adverse pesticide incidents
- Ensure records are made that cover service records, pesticide purchase records, pesticide disposal records, WDHIRs, wood-destroying insect treatment proposals, and applicator training, supervision and equipping
- Make records available to OPM within 24 hours

See R4-29-502, R4-29-504 & R4-29-505

Additional specific details of a business licensee's responsibilities:

- Ensure QP and applicators receive supervision and training
- Employ a QP
- Maintain insurance
- Satisfy requirements regarding display of business name and license number
- Notify OPM of certain adverse pesticide incidents
- Prevent an unlicensed applicator from applying pesticides after 90 days
- Provide proper pesticide storage areas
- Properly equip service vehicles
- Re-treat properties treated for termites in certain circumstances
- Make and maintain the following records:
  - Pesticide labels and MSDS
  - Pesticide purchase records
  - Purchase date of service vehicles
  - Incident reports
  - Pest management services provided to a customer
  - Evidence of customer refusal of a termite re-treatment or post-construction treatment
  - Inspection reports
  - Customer contracts
  - Personnel records
- Submit TARFs and TARF fees
- Make records available to OPM within 24 hours

See R4-29-601 & R4-29-603 to R4-29-609