

Initial Qualifying Party License Requirements

Options

Categories B1, B2, B4, or B9 –

Certified for 24 months within preceding 5 years; or

Certified 12 months within preceding 5 years plus provide evidence of 12 semester hours or its equivalent in pest management courses¹ or any combination of the subjects directly related to each category applied for within preceding 10 years; or

Certified for 12 months within preceding 5 years plus provide evidence of a Bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences, biological sciences, or pest management with 12 semester hours or its equivalent in pest management courses¹ or any combination of the subjects or other approved educational programs directly related to each category applied for; or

Certified for 24 months or provide evidence of 24 months of experience, in the business similar in nature directly related to the category applied for, within preceding 10 years (*for those that provided structural pest management services outside of Arizona only where licensing is not required*); and

Pass the Core and Category-Specific Examination(s) applied for with a score of 75% or more

Categories B3, B5, or B8 –

Certified for 6 months; or

Provide evidence of 6 months of experience in the business similar in nature directly related to the category applied for; and

Pass the Core and Category-Specific Examination(s) applied for with a score of 75% or more

Broaden Qualifying Party License Requirements

Option 1

A QP licensed in category B1, B2, B3, B5 or B8 may broaden into category B3 or B5 by passing the exam. A QP licensed in category B1, B2 or B8 may broaden into category B2 or B8 by passing the exam. Any other broadening requires meeting the requirements for initial licensure.

Option 2

A QP licensed in any category may broaden into category B3 or B5 by passing the exam. A QP licensed in category B1, B2, B4, or B9 may broaden into category B8 by passing the exam. Any other broadening requires meeting the requirements for initial licensure.

Option 3

A QP licensed in category B1, B2, B3, B5 or B8 may broaden into category B3 or B5 by passing the exam. Any other broadening requires meeting the requirements for initial licensure.

¹ Pest management courses means courses in Entomology, Zoology, Vertebrate Management, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, General Horticulture, Plant Biology or Botany, Biochemistry, Organic or Inorganic Chemistry, The Eradication or Management of Weeds, Toxicology, The Environmental Impact of Pesticides.

Current OPM License Category Definitions

B1 - General and Public Health Pest Management (formerly known as category B and/or VIII) - is limited to controlling general terrestrial vertebrate and invertebrate pests in or about a residential or other structure, public health pests, and pests not included in another license category but does not include pests in forests, aquatic food production, or agricultural plant areas.

B2 - Management of Wood Destroying Insects (formerly known as category C, C-3, and/or H) - is limited to controlling wood-destroying insects in or about a structure by a means other than use of a fumigant.

B3 - Right-of-Way / Weed Management (formerly known as category E, E-1, and/or VI) - is limited to controlling terrestrial weeds in all areas other than a forest or agricultural plant or aquatic area.

B4 - Fumigation (formerly known as category D) - is limited to using fumigants.

B5 - Turf & Ornamental Horticulture Pest Management (formerly known as category F and/or III) - is limited to controlling plant and turf pests, diseases, or viruses and using plant growth regulators on ornamental horticultural plants and turf in all areas other than a forest or agricultural plant area and except by means of a fumigant.

B6 - Antimicrobial Pest Management - Not Applicable at this time.

B7 - Fungi Inspection - is limited to inspecting a structure for suspected fungi and completing a Commission-approved structural fungi inspection report.

B8 - Wood Destroying Insect Inspection (formerly encompassed in category C)- is limited to inspecting a structure for the items listed in R4-29-303 and reporting the results of the inspection on a WDIIR.

B9 - Aquatic Pest Management (formerly known as category B-1, E-1, V and/or J) - is limited to controlling pests, including weeds, in an aquatic area other than a water-retention basin or agricultural or forest area, and except for mosquito control.