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EXAMINATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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This fact sheet describes examinations, subject categories, and how to obtain continuing education credits

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Certified Operator and Qualified Supervisor Examinations and Continuing Education Credits

You must pass several examinations before you can get a certified operator or qualified supervisor license. Examinations are offered on a variety of dates at various locations around the state. Check with the [Colorado Department of Agriculture](#) (CDA) for an examination schedule.

The examinations consist of a general exam that must be taken and passed by everyone and specific category examinations. The general exam covers the following topics: laws and regulations, pesticide labels and labeling, pesticides, host and pest - identification and biology, safety and protection, and application of pesticides.

Subject categories are:

Agricultural

- 101 – **Agricultural Insect Control** - the application of pesticides to agricultural plants, including applications performed on pastures, croplands, and non-crop agricultural lands, to control invertebrate pests, including insects, mites, slugs, snails, and nematodes
- 102 – **Agricultural Plant Disease Control** - the application of pesticides to agricultural plants, including applications performed on pastures, croplands, and non-crop agricultural lands, to control plant diseases
- 103 – **Agricultural Weed Control** - the application of pesticides to agricultural lands, including pastures, croplands, and non-crop agricultural lands, to control weeds
- 104 – **Seed Treatment** - the application of pesticides to seeds
- 105 – **Livestock Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to livestock
- 106 – **Forest Pest Control** - the application of pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, forest seed producing areas, windbreaks, and downed timber (if on maintained forest within 50 ft. of a residential or commercial structure, must also hold ornamental pest control)
- 107 – **Rangeland Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to rangeland (if on rangeland within 50 ft. of a residential or commercial structure, must also hold turf pest control)
- 108 – **Aquatic Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to standing or running water, except for pesticide applications which are included in the “Public Health” category
- 109 – **Industrial and Right-of-Way Weed Control** - the application of pesticides to maintain public and private roads, electrical powerlines, railway rights-of-way, construction and

- maintenance of parking lots, drilling rigs, substations, or similar areas
- 110 – **Public Health Pest Control** - the application of pesticides in programs for large-scale control of disease vectors, except vertebrates
 - 111 – **Research and Demonstration** - the application of pesticides in the course of conducting field research or demonstration
 - 113 – **Metam Sodium for Root Control in Sewers** - the application of metam sodium in sewers to control roots.

Turf & Ornamental

- 206 – **Turf Pest Control** - the application of pesticides (i) to turf to control invertebrate pests, including insects, mites, slugs, snails, and nematodes, or to control plant diseases or weeds, or (ii) ornamental beds to control weeds
- 207 – **Ornamental Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to ornamental trees, shrubs, beds, flowers, and other ornamental plants, except turf or indoor ornamental plants, to control invertebrate pests, including insects, mites, slugs, snails, and nematodes, or to control plant diseases

Structural

- 301 – **Wood Destroying Organisms Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to control termites, carpenter ants, powder post beetles, fungi, and/or other wood destroying organisms in structures and/or adjacent outside areas
- 302 – **Outdoor Vertebrate Pest Control** - the application of pesticides, bait stations, or devices intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any amphibian, reptile, bird, fish, feral dogs and cats, moles, voles, bats, wild carnivores, rabbits, skunks, and any other vertebrate pest, except rats and mice
- 303 – **Fumigation** - the application of a fumigant to one or more rooms in a structure or to the entire structure at a desired concentration and for a length of time necessary for the control of rodents and/or insect pests, including the application of a fumigant to a localized space or harborage within a structure for local insect and/or rodent control
- 304 – **Residential and Commercial Pest Control** - the application of pesticides, bait stations, or devices intended for use for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating structural pests, including without limitation insects and rodents. However, this category does not include the application of fumigants or actions taken to control wood destroying organisms, outdoor vertebrates, or grain storage pests
- 305 – **Stored Commodities Treatment** - the application of pesticides for the treatment of pests in raw grain stored in facilities which are not used for animal or human habitation; the application of plant growth regulators to agricultural commodities stored in facilities which are not used for animal or human habitation; and the application of pesticides to commodity processing equipment or commodity storage facilities (not including offices or other structures)
- 306 – **Wood Preservation and Wood Products Treatment** - the application of pesticides to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate pests in wood or wood products which are, or are capable of being, incorporated in to a structure, not including downed timber prior to bark removal or sawing
- 307 - **Interior Plant Pest Control** - the application of pesticides to houseplants and other indoor ornamental plants kept or located within structures occupied by humans, including, but not limited to houses, apartments, offices, shopping malls, other places of business, and other dwelling places, to control invertebrate pests that adversely affect such plants, including insects, mites, slugs, snails, and nematodes; and to control plant diseases

To renew your qualified supervisor or certified operator license, you must obtain credits in the following areas:

- State, federal and local laws and regulations – 2 credits
- Pesticides and their families – 1 credit
- Applicator safety – 1 credit
- Public safety – 1 credit
- Environmental protection – 1 credit
- Use of pesticides – 1 credit
- Licensed categories – 1 credit in each category except 206 – Turf Pest Control (2 credits), 207 – Ornamental Pest Control (2 credits) and 304 – Residential and Commercial Pest Control (2 credits)

These credits may be obtained by attending approved courses and workshops. Be sure you fill out a CDA continuing education form, get it signed and turn it in at all meetings you attend. If you do not get all the credits you need in the 3-year period, you will lose your license for that category.

References and Resources

Pesticide Applicators' Act. Title 35, Article 10, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO.
<http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/PAA.pdf>

Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Administration and Enforcement of the Pesticide Applicators' Act. Title 35, Article 10. Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO.
<http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/PAA%20Rule.pdf>

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