

## **INTRODUCTION**

The WNY School of Real Estate has been approved and been sponsoring New York DEC approved courses for a number of years. In the Fall of 2004, our unique "on-demand" 30 hour Certification Course was approved for the public to satisfy the initial certification needs of those not yet qualified as well as for practicing pesticide professionals who need recertification credits. Up to 22 core credits can be earned for recertification credits and 8 hours for category specific credits in the 7C specialty (termites).

The 30 hour course is the prerequisite course for all of pest management-training classes. It covers the basic topics that are common to all the categories of pesticide application. The contents of the 30 hour Certification Course will be covered on the first examination that an individual will take on your way to becoming a certified pesticide technician. In order to become qualified/licensed, you also must receive training in a specific pesticide application category and pass the New York State examination for that category.

Home inspectors throughout the area have been receiving their training in general practices & procedures since the mid 1990's at the Western NY School of Real Estate. In the year 2000, we were the first major school to introduce training and certification to FHA appraisers and home inspectors to satisfy the requirements for the Department of Housing & Urban Development (who oversees the FHA program). More than 75% of local practitioners received their training to perform wood inspections in order to satisfy the requirements of FHA for all local new mortgages and refinances through our School. Members of the American Society of Home Inspectors as well as other national organizations frequently attend our training programs.

## **STATE FEES**

Pesticide Applicator Examination Fee: \$50 per exam. Pesticide **Business** Registrations Fee: \$450 every three years. Certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator and Technician Fee: **\$75** each year for first category and \$25 each year for any additional category or subcategory. Private Pesticide Applicator Fee: \$25 every five years. Commercial Permit Fee: \$300 every two years. DEC exams can be scheduled by calling Region 9 at **851-7220**.

## **RECERTIFICATION**

Recertification may be accomplished by one of two options:

1. Accumulation of recertification credits through attendance at programs approved by the Department. **or**
2. Successful completion of a proctored category-specific recertification exam. Contact the nearest NYSDEC Regional office, to schedule a recertification examination.

Please note that recertification credits must be **earned in more than one calendar year**, and **at least 25%** of the credits must be category/subcategory specific verses core credits. You may only attend the same course up to two times during your recertification cycle, but the courses must be more than 12 months apart. Technicians (the type of certification that most home inspectors generally qualify for) are exempt from needing recertification credits at this time). However, if you attend Department approved recertification courses and acquire 12 hours of category/subcategory specific recertification credits you can reduce your experience requirements for obtaining full certification in that category or subcategory by one year. You can then apply to the Department's Regional office for full certification using your 12 credit hours and one year of experience rather than accumulate two years of experience to become a certified commercial pesticide applicator. When you become a certified commercial pesticide applicator you will be able to apply restricted pesticides without supervision and supervise other technicians and apprentices in your category/subcategory.

All individuals take a 50 question closed-book exam based on the Core Manual. This is what our 30 hour Eligibility Course prepares you for.

If you are obtaining private certification in the commodity areas: field and forage, fruit, vegetable, nursery/ornamentals and turf, or livestock and poultry, you will take a 50 question closed book exam based on the Core manual. In addition, you will take a 50 question open book exam based on the Private Pesticide Applicator Certification/Recertification Workbook and the The Worker Protection Standard "How to Comply" manual. This manual provides the information necessary to comply with the requirements of the 1992 Federal Worker Protection Standard. In general, employers of agricultural workers or handlers who mix, load, apply, or do other tasks such as weeding, planting, cultivation, harvesting or tasks that bring them into direct contact with pesticides must abide by the Standard.

After 5 years, you will need to become recertified. You may obtain recertification by obtaining credits for attending training sessions or by taking an exam. At this time, if you decide to take a recertification exam instead of credits, you will take a 50 question open book exam again based on the Private Pesticide Applicator Certification/Recertification Workbook and the Worker Protection Standard "How to Comply" manual.

If you are obtaining private certification in the commodity area greenhouse and florist, you will take a 50 question closed book exam based on the Core manual. In addition, you will also take a 50 question open book exam based on the Private Pesticide Applicator Manual for Greenhouse and Florist Industries and the Worker Protection Standard "How to Comply" manual.

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### Recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators

1. Certified private pesticide applicators must be recertified in each category or subcategory every six years (five years if initially certified or recertified after 6/21/02) by completing the following requirements no later than 90 days beyond their recertification date:
  - a. pay the fee of \$25.00 or \$5.00 for subsequent applicators on the same farm, and
  - b. have a history of satisfactory performance for each category; and
    - i. successfully pass a recertification examination.; or
    - ii. accumulate the following continuing education credits. The below mentioned credits must be obtained in more than one calendar year and consist of at least 25 percent category-specific training for each category of certification.

#### PRIVATE CATEGORY

#### CREDIT HOURS

	For applicators initially certified <i>prior to</i> 6/21/02	For applicators initially certified <i>after</i> 6/21/02
21 - Field and Forage	12	10
22 - Fruit	12	10
23 - Vegetable	12	10
24 - Greenhouse and Florists	12	10
25 - Nursery, Ornamentals & Turf	12	10
31 - Agricultural Animal	10	8
41 - Aquatic	10	8

2. A certified private pesticide applicator who fails to recertify within 90 days to two years following their certification expiration date shall not be recertified until the applicator has accumulated the recertification training credits listed above or has successfully passed a recertification examination, and acquired an additional six hours of training approved by the department. The six training hours must be accumulated after the certification expiration date of the category on the certification identification card.
3. A certified private pesticide applicator who fails to recertify within two years of the certification expiration date shall not be recertified until the applicator has retaken and passed the core and category examination for the expired categories.

### Recertification requirements for pesticide applicators

1. Certified pesticide applicators must be recertified in each category or subcategory every six years (five years if initially certified or recertified after June 21, 2002) by completing the following requirements no later than 90 days beyond their recertification date:
  - a. pay the appropriate annual fee
  - b. have a history of satisfactory performance for each category or subcategory; and
    - i. successfully pass a closed book recertification examination.; or
    - ii. accumulate the following continuing education credits. The below mentioned credits must be obtained if] more than one calendar year and consist of at least 25 percent category-specific training for each category of certification. Individuals certified in the regulatory and demonstration categories are excluded from 25% category-specific requirement.

COMMERCIAL CATEGORY	CREDIT HOURS	
	For applicators initially certified prior to 6/21/02	For applicators initially certified after to 6/21/02
1A - Agricultural Plant	16	13
1B - Agricultural Animal	12	10
1C - Companion Animal	10	8
1D - Soil + Ag. Fumigation	12	10
2 - Forest	12	10
3A - Ornamental & Turf	20	17
3B - Turf	20	17
3C - Interior Plant Maintenance	20	17
4 - Seed Treatment	10	8
5A - Aquatic Vegetation	16	13
5B - Aquatic Insect	16	13
5C - Aquatic Fish	16	13
5D - Aquatic Anti Fouling Paints	10	8
5E - Aquatic Sewer Line Root	10	8
6A - Rights-of-Way Vegetation	16	13
6B - Rights-of-Way Pole Treatment	16	13
7A - Structural & Rodent	24	20
7B - Fumigation	12	10
7C - Termite Control	16	13
7D - Lumber & Wood Products	12	10
7F - Food Mfg. & Processing	24	20
7G - Cooling Towers	10	8
8 - Public Health	16	13
9 - Regulatory	10	8
10 - Demonstration	10	8
11 - Aerial	12	10
12 - Sales of Restricted Use Pesticides	6	5

- c. A certified pesticide applicator who fails to recertify within 90 days to two years following their certification expiration date shall not be recertified until the applicator has accumulated the recertification training credits listed above or has successfully passed a recertification examination, and acquired an additional six hours of training approved by the department. The six training hours must be accumulated after the certification expiration date of the category or subcategory on the certification identification card.
- d. A certified pesticide applicator or technician who fails to recertify within two years of the certification expiration date shall not be recertified until the applicator or technician has retaken and passed the core and category and/or subcategory examination(s) for the expired categories or sub-categories.

### WHAT CAN WNY SCHOOL OF REAL ESTATE DO FOR YOU?

If you need recertification credit, just call us 48 hours ahead of when you'd like to attend our East Amherst location and you can earn up to **22 hours of CORE CREDIT**. You can earn up to **8 hours of category/subcategory specific credit** (7C termites). For individuals who have already taken the State exam (core component) but failed twice - he or she must take 8 hours of our core education in order to be eligible to re-sit for the State exam.

No tests or exams are needed as the program is taken IN-CLASS and proctored.

The entire eligibility course is **\$399** plus materials from Cornell (currently under \$89 which includes shipping/handling).  
Recertification credits are as follows: **Core recert-credits** are **\$65 per 5 hour day** (take 25% off if you register & pay for 2 days or more). For example, if you register for two 5 hour days, your rate would be calculated as follows:  $\$65 \times 2 = \$130$  (minus 25% or  $\$32.50$ ) =  $\$97.50$  for 10 hours of core recertification credit. Specialty credit is calculated at a flat \$15 per hour.

We are open Monday through Friday year-round and you must attend the sessions you are scheduled for or you forfeit your entire tuition (unless you have a family emergency with doctors note). We must give the local DEC office 48 hours notice as they have the right to audit your class. Evening sessions are available - call for information.

#### **Why consider WNY School of Real Estate when there's on-line & CD courses available?**

There's a number of reasons. First, you don't have to pass any tests in order to earn your recertification credit. When you take an on-line course or CD course, you generally need to get a 70% or better on intermittent tests in order to move forward and that can get quite frustrating. You won't have to worry about any computer or technical glitches that will take up more of your time because our program is presented on DVD and you watch it in the presence of our proctor who makes sure you pay attention (the State does not want you doing anything else during class time).

#### **How do I register ? What's my next step?**

Just call us at **444-8400** or **639-9009** and one of our representatives will schedule you for either the entire 30 hour program if you are looking for initial certification - or - if you need recertification credit - we will schedule you based on the hours of education you need (which of course is based on your category of certification).