

Recertification Contact Information

For more information on South Carolina's Recertification Program and approval of courses, contact Tammy Lark, Special Programs Coordinator for the Department of Pesticide Regulation at 864.646.2150.

For Applicator recertification credit hours and current status, contact Tammy Henderson, Continuing Education and Private Licensing Specialist for the Department of Pesticide Regulation at 864.646.2161.

You may also visit our website at <http://regfocus.clemson.edu/dpr/> to check your credit status or to request information on any of our current programs.

As part of Regulatory and Public Service Programs at Clemson University, the Department of Pesticide Regulation has been serving the State of South Carolina for over a century. We license pesticide dealers, private and commercial applicators, and pest-control businesses. We register pesticide products for use in the State and perform quality assurance analyses of pesticide formulations. DPR protects farm workers from pesticides by administering the Federal Worker Protection Standard in South Carolina.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation administers the State Groundwater Protection Plan, the Pesticide Container Recycling Program, and the Integrated Pest Management in Schools Initiative. The Federal regulations that protect endangered species from pesticides have also been assigned to the DPR.

We are the enforcement and investigative authority in the State for pesticide use, alleged pesticide misuse, substandard termite treatments, and the Wood Infestation Report required in most real estate transactions.

Requirements for the South Carolina Recertification Program



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Recertification Requirements and Procedures

Federal law requires that pesticide applicators be trained for competency. It also requires them to complete ongoing training to be recertified. Research shows that certification and training of pesticide applicators results in saving lives and increasing awareness of how to calibrate equipment, how to follow label directions, how to dispose properly of pesticides, and how to recycle pesticide containers (Shuman, '99).

Along with enforcing the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the Clemson University Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is responsible for conferring recertification status in the state of South Carolina. DPR's recertification program is designed to provide continuing educational opportunities to all licensed pesticide applicators.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's recertification program is administered in five-year blocks of time, and all certified applicators must acquire recertification credit in their appropriate five-year block. Training courses that have been approved by DPR are conducted by the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service, state and national organizations, and other agencies.

Private Applicators

Private applicators are individuals over the age of 18 who purchase, use, and/or supervise the use of restricted-use pesticides in the production of agricultural commodities on property owned, rented, or leased by the individual or his/her employee. Private applicators are required to earn **five (5) hours** of continuing certification hours (CCHs) during each five-year block: January 1, 2005—December 31, 2009; 2010—2014, etc.

Commercial & Non-commercial Applicators

Commercial applicators are individuals over the age of 18 who apply or supervise the application of restricted-use pesticides for pay. **Non-commercial** applicators are individuals who apply or supervise the use of restricted-use pesticides as an employee of a government agency (federal, state, or local). Commercial and Non-commercial applicators are required to earn **10 hours** of CCHs during each five-year block: January 1, 2004—December 31, 2008; 2009—2013, etc.

All educational programs must be submitted to DPR **15 business days in advance** of the training date. The programs must be open to the public to be eligible for recertification credit. Each program is evaluated by DPR, and upon approval, CCHs are assigned for each program based on subject matter and time constraints. Please note that it is the responsibility of the individual conducting each program to coordinate training approval and document attendance of approved programs. DPR sign-in sheets must be filled out and forwarded to our department immediately following each training session, or participants will not earn their credits.

Recertification credits are offered for training programs that consist of the following topics:

Calibration, Maintenance, and Residue Removal

Environmental Fate of Pesticides

Groundwater Protection

Hazard Communication

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Pesticide Label Interpretation

MSDS for Pesticides

New Technology and New Regulations

Endangered Species and Wildlife Protection

Pesticide Recordkeeping

Reducing Pesticide Exposure (chronic/acute reduction and use of PPE)

Safety Planning and Emergency Response

Transport and Disposal of Pesticides and Rinsates

Worker Safety

Identification and Control of Target Pests

Pesticide-Related Issues

***Recertification credit is not required for PCO business licenses, dealer licenses, or for applicators licensed in categories 12A, 12B, or 12D.*