

In-Person Recertification Program Sponsor Requirements & General Information

All programs must be preapproved and have assigned codes. ODA will not approve and assign credits after a program has been completed. The program sponsor must complete the required paperwork/applications in order to be approved. Application forms can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov>. Additionally, the program sponsor must submit bios of all speakers, and a program agenda including times, topics, and speakers. **Program requests must be submitted 30 days prior to the program.**

Potential sponsors: must fill out a form *only once* outlining their goals and objectives for the pesticide educational applicator-training program. Achieving program sponsor status does not guarantee approval for programs. Approved programs may be audited at any time by ODA staff.

Affiliation of Sponsor: governmental and non-governmental agency, professional association, accredited school, grower group and other deemed appropriate.

Guidelines for Sponsor:

1. New sponsors must complete and submit the application for recertification sponsors (one time only).
2. Sponsors must complete and submit the pesticide recertification credit application for every program.
3. Sponsors must demonstrate how program meets criteria.
4. Sponsors must show affiliation.

Training Program Format:

1. Programs must be in person. ODA will not approve online or broadcast programs.
2. Programs must be open to the public.
3. Programs must have a registration process.
4. Programs must have an agenda (description of subjects).
5. Programs must show how agenda items fits the core or category topics.
6. Programs must have a contact person (name, physical address and phone). Please provide a physical location for the contact person; ODA cannot mail paperwork to a PO BOX.
7. Programs must have speaker information (bios).
8. Programs must have location information (name, address).
9. Program fees for recertification programs must be the same for everyone attending.

What will not be approved: Non-public, in-house training for employees, and customer presentations promoting products.

Guidelines for Speakers:

1. University researchers, specialist, educators, and staff
2. USDA
3. Independent researchers
4. Technical experts (within industry)
5. Technical experts (public sector)
6. In-house company technical experts
7. In-house company distributor technical experts
8. Others who meet criteria

Guidelines for Time:

1. 1/2 hour of credit will be given for 30 minutes of time
2. 1 hour of credit will be given for 60 minutes of time
3. Programs must be at least 2 hours in length

Guidelines for In-house Company Training:

1. In-house training must be at neutral site.
2. Distributors are eligible to perform in-house training if they have a specific designated educational facility at their place of business or property owned by the business.

Recertification Forms (Failure to follow these instructions may result in ODA denying future requests):

1. ODA will only accept Ohio Recertification Forms for credit.
2. The original forms (white copy) must be returned via mail to ODA by the sponsor.
3. **DO NOT** email or submit photocopies of the forms.
4. The forms are to be proctored.
5. Never leave the forms unattended.
6. Sponsors are to give the attendees the forms, class ID, class date, and the credit codes from paperwork provided.
7. Sponsors are **NOT** to complete forms on behalf of attendees.

Recertification Approved Topics

Core – these topics are appropriate for core training:

- Pesticide laws and regulations
- Pesticide record keeping
- Endangered species
- Equipment calibration
- Personal protective equipment
- How to read and follow a pesticide label
- Pesticide spill response
- Concepts of integrated pest management (IPM)
- Preventing pesticide exposure
- Environmental impacts of pesticide use
- Pesticide security and storage
- Drift
- Pesticides and human health (safety, toxicity, first aid, etc.)
- Pesticide calculations
- Pesticide mode of action
- Pesticide formulations

Example of topics that will not be approved: fertilization, irrigation, pruning and aerating unless these topics are presented from a standpoint of requiring less use of pesticides, as an element of IPM or promotion of healthy, pest resistant plants. Management issues such as OSHA and other compliance programs **WILL NOT** be approved.

Categories – these topics will be approved for category training:

- Identification, biology and life cycle of pests
- Appropriate control measures
- Integrated pest management
- Review of products commonly used in a specific category
- Update involving new control strategies with pesticides and new pesticide products

Example of topics that will not be approved: topics that focus on production of the crop that do not include pesticide use or pest management such as fertilization, irrigation, pruning, aerating, landscape planting, etc.

CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

COMMERCIAL		
1	AERIAL PESTS	The application of pesticides by aircraft.
2a	AGRONOMIC PESTS	The application of pesticides to agronomic crops for the control of pests other than weeds.
2b	HORTICULTURAL PESTS	The application of pesticides to fruit and vegetable crops for the control of pests other than weeds.
2c	AGRICULTURAL WEED	The application of pesticides for the control of weeds in agronomic crops or horticultural crops.
2d	SEED TREATMENT	The application of pesticides to seed for the control of insects and disease organisms.
3a	GENERAL AQUATIC	The application of pesticides to standing or running water, other than swimming pools, for the control of aquatic pests.
4a	FOREST PESTS	The application of pesticides to forested areas for the control of tree pests and weeds, and for the selective elimination of unwanted wood species as a forest management practice.
4b	WOOD PRESERVATION	The application of pesticides to wood products such as crossties, poles, shingles, posts or other wood products that are not part of a structure when treated and are or will be exposed to insects, fungi, marine pests, or weather.
5	INDUSTRIAL VEGETATION	The application of pesticides to non-agricultural lands, such as roadways, public water courses, utility rights-of-way, or in close proximity to industrial sites, power stations, parking lots or similar areas for the control or eradication of unwanted vegetation.
6a	ORNAMENTAL PESTS	The application of pesticides to control insects and diseases of exterior ornamental plants and trees, and weeds of exterior ornamental areas such as landscape beds, tree and shrub plantings, sidewalks, driveways, or similar areas.
6b	INTERIOR PLANTSCAPES	The application of pesticides to control insects, diseases, and weeds of indoor ornamental plants in locations such as homes, offices, shopping malls, stores, or similar sites.
6c	ORNAMENTAL WEED	The application of pesticides to exterior ornamental areas such as landscape beds, tree and shrub plantings, sidewalks, driveways, or similar areas for the control or eradication of unwanted vegetation.
6d	GREENHOUSE PESTS	The application of pesticides to control insects, diseases, and weeds of plants grown under glass or plastic cover.
7	VERTEBRATE ANIMAL	The application of pesticides other than fumigants for the control of pest birds whether within or outside structures, and for the control of rodents, and any other vertebrates, in situations other than covered under commercial pesticide-use category 10a.
8	TURF PESTS	The application of pesticides to lawns, turf, sod, or to soil areas being prepared for the production of turf for the control of pests except vertebrates.
9	LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL PESTS	The application of pesticides to domestic animals which are held as agricultural commodities, or to structures in which they are confined, for the control of pests of such animals.
10a	GENERAL PEST	The application of pesticides in or around human dwellings, industrial plants and business offices, food-handling establishments, schools, hospitals or other institutions, warehouses, grain elevators, or similar buildings to control pests, including rodents, of such structures or of the occupants, furnishings, or provisions of those structures, except for the control of pest birds and termites or fungi.
10b	TERMITE	The application of pesticides in or around various structures, or to the ground prior to construction of a structure, for the control of termites and other invertebrate wood-destroying insects.
10c	FUMIGATION	The application of fumigants to structures, or commodities or equipment which is enclosed within structures or other specially confined areas (including areas temporarily confined expressly for the purpose of fumigation) such as bins, rooms, cargo spaces, and boxcars, for the control of any pests contained within these structures or confined areas.
10d	MOSQUITO, HOUSE FLY	The application of pesticides outdoors to control invertebrate pests which are a threat to public health or a nuisance to humans, such as mosquitoes, house flies, chiggers, and ticks, but does not include uses covered by commercial pesticide-use category 7.
PRIVATE		
1	GRAIN & CEREAL	The application of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants, to agronomic field crops including but not limited to corn, grain sorghums, other small grains, soybeans and sweet corn.
2	FORAGE & LIVESTOCK	The application of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants, to crops grown primarily for use as hay, forage, fodder, or ensilage, and includes but is not limited to such crops as corn and legumes, and to domestic animals which are held as agricultural commodities and their quarters.
3	FRUIT & VEGETABLE	The application of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants, to orchard fruit crops, and small fruits including but not limited to strawberries, brambles and grapes, field-grown vegetables, sugar beets, sweet corn and other horticultural crops grown primarily for human consumption
4	NURSERY & FOREST	The application of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants, to commercial nursery crops including but not limited to trees, shrubs, grasses and herbaceous plants produced for replanting for their ornamental value or for future fruit production; and tree crops produced for use as Christmas trees or for their utilitarian value.
5	GREENHOUSE	The application of restricted-use pesticides, except fumigants, to crops grown for food production or ornamental value under an impervious surface large enough to permit worker entry.
6	FUMIGATION	The application of restricted-use fumigants to soil, grain storage, greenhouse areas or any other confined areas.
COMMERCIAL TO PRIVATE CREDIT CONVERSION		
COMMERCIAL		PRIVATE
CORE	Gives Credit to Private Category	CORE
2A	Gives Credit to Private Category	1 GRAIN & CEREAL
2B	Gives Credit to Private Category	3 FRUIT & VEGETABLE
2C	Gives Credit to Private Category	1 GRAIN & CEREAL
2D	Gives Credit to Private Category	7 SPECIALTY USES
3A	Gives Credit to Private Category	7 SPECIALTY USES
4A	Gives Credit to Private Category	4 NURSERY AND FOREST
4B	Gives Credit to Private Category	7 SPECIALTY USES
5	Gives Credit to Private Category	7 SPECIALTY USES
6A	Gives Credit to Private Category	4 NURSERY & FOREST
6D	Gives Credit to Private Category	5 GREENHOUSE
8	Gives Credit to Private Category	7 SPECIALTY USES
9	Gives Credit to Private Category	2 FORAGE & LIVESTOCK
10C	Gives Credit to Private Category	6 FUMIGATION