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Limited Certification Programs

The Bureau also administers two Limited Certification Categories to certify Governmental or Private applicators and the Commercial Landscape Maintenance applicators. Neither of these certifications allows the operation of a commercial pest control business.

Limited Governmental or Private Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.155, Florida Statutes

Limited Certification for Governmental and Private Applicators was designed for individuals and employees of private or government entities.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include individuals who apply pesticides to their own or their employer's buildings or lawn and ornamental plants associated with government or commercial structures such as schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc. (Persons making application to their own personal residential property OR persons using retail general-use, ready-to-use, pre-mixed, over the counter products are exempt.)

Certification obtained under this section does not authorize a person to operate a pest control business.

There are two categories within this certification program: "Structural Pest Control" for applications in, on, around or under structures, and "Lawn and Ornamental" for pesticide applications to exterior property areas. Depending on the applicator's job duties, one (or both) of the categories may be required.

Limited Gov't/Private Certification allows the use of both general and restricted use materials. For smaller municipalities and/or companies, each applicator must be individually certified. (For larger operations, the program has provisions for an employer to hire a Florida Pest Control Operator to be in charge of the pest control program and they are responsible for providing training and guidance to any applicator(s) in lieu of individual applicator certification).

Application for examination is made to the Bureau with current photo and fee and an admission slip is issued to the exam candidate. The candidate then makes arrangements with their local County Extension Service office who administers the exam. The exams are then returned to the Bureau for grading and issuance of the credential to passing candidates. The certificate is valid for four years. When renewing, the certified applicator must provide proof of having obtained four hours of acceptable continuing education.



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Commercial Landscape Maintenance Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.156, Florida Statutes

The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Certification Program was designed to allow commercial landscape maintenance personnel to make pesticide applications (using materials, with a signal word of Caution) to ornamental plants and plant beds only. It does not allow landscape maintenance workers to make any kind of pesticide applications (including weed control) to any turf areas. There are also restrictions on application equipment.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include commercial (for-hire) lawn maintenance or landscape maintenance individuals who apply pesticides to lawn and ornamental plants in plant beds associated with residential, governmental or commercial structures such as homes, schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.

This certification does not allow or authorize the maintenance company or the applicator to operate a pest control business.

Application is made to the Bureau and, upon approval, an admission slip is provided to the applicant. The applicant makes arrangements with the local County Extension Service office to take the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination. The exam is then graded and certificates issued to applicants who successfully pass the examination and provide proof of minimum liability insurance (see below).

Qualifying for the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination requires the applicant to complete an application and to submit documentation showing completion of six (6) classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental training approved by the Department, current photo and required fee (check or money order in the amount of \$150 made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services).

Also, prior to the issuance of the Limited Commercial Landscape certification, an applicant will have to provide proof of insurance which indicates that their employer meets the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury and property damage. Presently, these amounts are set at: Bodily injury: \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each occurrence; and property damage \$50,000 each occurrence and \$100,000 in the aggregate; or combined single limit coverage of \$400,000 in the aggregate.



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LIMITED CERTIFICATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE APPLICATORS

Chapter 482.155, Florida Statutes requires that individuals applying both general use and restricted use pesticides as a governmental employee or as a private property owner or employee thereof must qualify to do such pesticide application by taking and passing a limited certification exam or be trained and supervised by a certified pest control operator certified by the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS).

Examples of pesticide applicators that come under this measure would include individuals who apply pesticides to buildings or lawn and ornamentals associated with these buildings: government buildings (schools, agency offices, etc.), commercial buildings (banks, groceries, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.).

Those individuals performing pest control upon their own individual residential property are exempted from these requirements.

An examination fee of \$150 and a recertification fee of \$25 every four years thereafter shall be required in each category. Recertification must be accompanied by proof of having obtained four hours of acceptable continuing education, submitted on DACS Form 13325. There will be two categories of Limited Certification under this measure. They are Lawn and Ornamental Pest Control and Structural Pest Control.

The examination will be given at least quarterly, or as necessary, at most County Extension offices.

CERTIFICATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO OPERATE A PEST CONTROL BUSINESS.

PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED PAGE FOR EXAM REFERENCE INFORMATION.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL SUGGESTED FOR STUDY IN PREPARATION FOR THE LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

The source and price of each reference are provided at the end of this list as indicated by the numbers in parentheses (). (See reverse side for details).

REFERENCES FOR ALL LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS:

The Structural Pest Control Act, Chapter 482, Florida Statutes (1)
Rules of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Chapter 5E-14, Florida
Administrative Code (1)
Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (Revised 1998)-SM-1 (2a)

For Questions concerning labels, a label will be included for reference during examination.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES IN EACH CATEGORY:

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

General Household Pest Control Applicator Training Manual – SM-47
Edited by Philip G. Koehler & William H. Kern, Jr. (2b)

LAWN & ORNAMENTAL

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management – SM-7 (2c)

Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources in Florida, June 2002, Florida Green Industries. Available free of charge at your local County extension office or it can be downloaded directly from: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/docs/nonpoint/grn-ind-bmp-en-12-2008.pdf>

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LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS
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COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management – SM-7 (2c)

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SOURCE OF REFERENCE MATERIAL

- (1) The Structural Pest Control Act, Chapter 482, Florida Statutes, and the Rules of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Chapter 5E-14, Florida Administrative Code, (NO CHARGE). Available online at: <http://www.flaes.org/statutesandrules.html> or upon request from the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control, 1203 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, Telephone (850) 921-4177.
- (2)
 - a. Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Pesticide Applicators, 6th Edition SM 1 - \$7.00
 - b. General Household Pest Control Applicator Training Manual, SM 47 - \$30.00
 - c. Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management, SM 7 - \$19.95

All of the above under (2) are available from IFAS Publications, Building 664, Gainesville, Florida, 32611, telephone (800) 226-1764. Make Checks payable to University of Florida. Florida residents add the appropriate sales tax for the county in which you reside and the postage/handling costs as indicated below.

Schedule of Postage and Handling

Amount of Sale	Add
\$ 0 - 4.99	\$4
\$ 5 - 24.99	\$6
\$ 25 - 49.99	\$7
\$ 50 - 129.99	\$8

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Division of Agricultural Environmental Services

**LIMITED CERTIFICATION FOR GOVERNMENT
PESTICIDE APPLICATORS OR
PRIVATE APPLICATORS**

Chapter 482.155, F.S. and 5E-14.117(17), F.A.C.
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SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH APPLICATION

Mail completed forms to:
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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX
APPROVED _____
DISAPPROVED _____
DATE _____
BY _____

I hereby make application for Limited Certification in the categories checked.

**ATTACH RECENT
1 1/2 x 1 1/2 INCH
CLEAR, FULL-FACE
PHOTO HERE
EVEN THOUGH
ALREADY ON FILE**

- STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL \$ 150.00
- LAWN AND ORNAMENTAL PEST CONTROL \$ 150.00
- TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACs).

All questions **MUST** be answered. PLEASE PRINT.

1. Name of Applicant _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Mailing Address _____
(Street or Post Office Box)

(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

3. Telephone Number (_____) _____
(Area Code)

4. Name of Employer _____
(if applicable)
Address _____
(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

Employer Phone No. (_____) _____
(Area Code)

5. Have you previously been examined and failed in the category(s) now applied for? YES NO

If yes, give month and year FIRST examined in category:

Structural _____ Lawn and Ornamental _____
(Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)

Date of Birth: _____ 4 Digit PIN # _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

County to be examined in _____

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO APPLY

(Applicant's Signature)