



Online Exam Scheduling Available for Commercial Pesticide Applicators

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MADISON – Commercial pesticide applicators can now schedule their certification exams online, which means they no longer need to call during office hours to register for the tests.

Commercial applicators in all categories can go to <http://pestexam.datcp.wi.gov> to register to take the exams. They may also continue to schedule exams by calling the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at 608-224-4548, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Private applicators must still schedule their exams with their county extension agents.

The online registration site also provides information about how to buy a training manual, what happens when you arrive to take your exam, and directions to exam locations, along with answers to frequent questions.

Commercial pesticide applicators must take a certification exam every five years. The department administers more than 3,000 exams each year. The exams test applicators' knowledge of safely using, storing, handling and disposing of pesticides. The exams are designed for many different types of applications, such as landscape, agricultural, and structural use. Applicators must pass an exam for each type of application they do. They must also be licensed every year.

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