

**Pesticide Applicator's License**  
**Category: Private Applicator**  
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*Private Applicator License* - This license is for people who use restricted use pesticides to produce an agricultural commodity on property they own or rent, or on property owned or rented by their employer. Examples of sites that qualify for a private license are farms, ranches, groves, nurseries, gardens, aquaculture operations, and livestock production operations. This license is valid for application of restricted use pesticides for ornamental and turf production (at a nursery, sod farm, etc.), but not for maintenance of ornamentals or turf, such as at a golf course, park, or zoo.

License Type: Private			
Category	Exams Required	Study Materials	Source
Private Applicator Agricultural Pest Control	1. General Standards (Core)	<i>Applying Pesticides Correctly</i> (SM 001)	<u>UF/IFAS</u>
	2. Private Applicator Agriculture	<i>Private Applicator Agricultural Pest Control</i> (SM 053)	<u>UF/IFAS</u>

To buy study materials contact: UF/IFAS = University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/Extension Book Store. Telephone: 1 (800) 226-1764. Web site <http://www.ifasbooks.ufl.edu>

**License Fees**

Restricted use pesticide (RUP) licenses issued by the FDACS Pesticide Certification Section are valid for four years and expire at the end of the month four years from issue date. Renewed licenses generally expire four years from the previous expiration date, regardless of the date renewed. Exceptions may be necessary based on reciprocal agreements or unusual circumstances.

License fees (new licenses or renewals) are as follows for a 4-year license:

Private Applicator License	\$100
Public Applicator License	\$100
Commercial Applicator License	\$250

**Steps to Follow:**

1. Buy study materials for test.
2. Call Extension Office at least 3 working days in advance to schedule test date and time. Contact Diane McMillan or Elena Toro. Phone: (386)362-2771.
3. On day of your test- bring ID. We will provide pencils, paper and calculator. Person proctoring exam will keep ID until you return test booklet and answer sheet.
4. You will receive a letter in the mail with test results, instructions for payment and forms that will need to be returned with payment.
5. Submit payment to FDACS and forms by mail.
6. You will get your license by mail.

For more information contact: Pesticide Certification Section/ 3125 Conner Blvd., Bldg. 8 (L-29) Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
 Tel. (850) 488-3314 or Email Kathleen Osgood at [osgoodk@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:osgoodk@doacs.state.fl.us) or go to the following website:  
<http://www.flaes.org/complimonitoring/pesticidecertification.html>