



## **Where do I check for the most current information regarding pesticide applicator news and updates?**

IDALS continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and make adjustments based on recommendations from state and federal guidelines. Check these three locations for pesticide applicator information:

Website: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/covid-19>

Phone: (515) 281-8591 Pesticide Bureau main line

Email: [pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov)

## **What do I do if I have a pesticide applicator certification that expired on 12/31/2019?**

Iowa pesticide applicators who were certified through Dec. 31, 2019, can retain their status as ‘current’ and now have until Dec. 31, 2020, to submit the testing or training required to renew a pesticide applicator certification.

A ‘current’ certification status and compliance under existing regulatory requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 206, allows private, public, and commercial applicators to apply pesticides and purchase Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in the State of Iowa. Commercial applicators still are required to operate under a company pesticide license that met all requirements for issuance under Iowa Code Chapter 206. This means the company license must have a Dec. 31, 2020, expiration date.

While the deadline for renewal of applicator certifications has been extended, the requirement to pay certification fees and meet educational requirements still remain. During the 2020 year, applicators should still look to attend CIC courses and retest once testing centers have opened. If applicators have met CICs and/or testing requirements they are encouraged to submit their applicator renewal along with required fees for the 2020 year.

## **What do I do if I have a pesticide applicator certification that expires on 12/31/2020 or later?**

If you are a certified applicator with an expiration date of Dec. 31, 2020, or later, you are in a ‘current’ status. A ‘current’ certification status and compliance under existing regulatory requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 206, allows private, public, and commercial applicators to apply pesticides and purchase Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in the State of Iowa. Commercial applicators still are required to operate under a company pesticide license that met all requirements for issuance under Iowa Code Chapter 206. This means the company license must have a Dec. 31, 2020, expiration date.



During the 2020 year, applicators can still look to attend CIC course to maintain their certification for their upcoming renewal.

## **Does the waiver apply to my pesticide company/business license?**

Pesticide company/business license requirements remain unchanged, including requirements for aerial applicator licenses. Certified applicators in category 11 - aerial application must comply with existing requirements under Iowa Administrative Code § 45.22(17).

## **What should I know as a pesticide dealer?**

Iowa pesticide applicators with certifications that expired on Dec. 31, 2019, are now in a “current” status through Dec. 31, 2020. Commercial applicators must be covered under a current pesticide company license or they are considered in an “inactive” status. Private applicators are not subject to or associated with a company pesticide license.

Certification status can be verified through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship website- <https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/applicator-licensing-certification> , or presentation of a pesticide applicator certification card that shows a certification expiration date of Dec. 31, 2019.

## **I am a new applicator looking to take an exam or I need to add a new category to my existing certification. Where can I test?**

The current waiver (above) does not apply to individuals who are receiving their pesticide applicator certification for the first time, or who wish to add a new category to their current certification.

All IDALS test sites have been canceled through March 31, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus. IDALS is evaluating options for future test sites, along with options to expand the number of sites available.

Testers have two options:

1. Test sites proctored by IDALS staff. These sites continue to be updated at: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/pesticide-applicator-testing>
2. Partner college test centers. Information can be found on the IDALS website, but may not be the most current. Each college sets their own guidelines on public testing. It is advised contact the college prior to travel: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/pesticide-applicator-testing>

Limitations on test hours and group size continue to be evaluated. We ask for your patience and understanding as we make all attempts to offer testing.



***\*The current waiver does not apply to individuals who are receiving their pesticide applicator certification for the first time.***

## Where can I complete my training for my pesticide categories, the CICs?

All CIC training must be approved by the IDALS Pesticide Bureau. Continue to work with your current CIC provider, such as the ISU Extension office or 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider.

IDALS is working with these training partners to continue providing pesticide applicator training that meets the federal and state guidelines. Limitations on group size continues to be evaluated. We ask for your patience and understanding as we make all attempts to offer training.

### Training for Private Applicators

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, it is likely that private applicators who did not already attend a training will not have an opportunity to train prior to April 15, 2020. Therefore, the training window has been extended to September 30, 2020.

- 2019 training window is December 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 (extension)
- 2020 training window will be December 1, 2020 to April 15, 2021

### Training for Commercial Applicators

The certification renewal by training timeframe remains unchanged. The training timeframe is per calendar year.

- 2019 training window was January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
- 2020 training window is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

## Where can I complete my Auxin/Dicamba training?

Trainings open to the public, including online options, are posted on the AAI website - <https://www.agribiz.org/dicamba-training/>.

While we attempt to keep event information current, applicators are advised to contact the training provider prior to travel.

Auxin/Dicamba training must be taken each calendar year prior to application.

## Does the waiver affect Worker Protection Standard training rules or other WPS requirements?



The Worker Protection Standard requirements remain unchanged. Contact the Pesticide Bureau at [pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov) with WPS questions or concerns.

### **What if I am a CIC trainer or wish to hold a pesticide applicator CIC or auxin/Dicamba training? Who do I contact?**

Auxin and CIC trainers should contact [pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov) to notify the Pesticide Bureau of cancellations, postponements, changes in venue, or any alterations in previously approved training. New CIC and Auxin training requests should also contact the same email.

IDALS continues to review and approve course modifications that allow the virtual delivery of Iowa CICs.