

Iowa Certified Pesticide Applicator Category Descriptions	
P	Private Pesticide Applicator: includes certified applicators using Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP's) except fumigants, on property under their direct control (e.g. owned, leased or rented) which may be necessary in the production or maintenance of any agricultural commodity. It also encompasses the use of RUP's applied directly to animals in the production of an agricultural commodity and areas or places on or in which animals are confined. An employee of an agricultural producer (farmer) who applies restricted use pesticides only for the employer on property under the direct control of the employer as described above are also included in the Private Pesticide Applicator classification. Private Applicator—Fumigation: includes certified private pesticide applicators who find it necessary to apply restricted use fumigants on their own properties are required to be certified not only as a private pesticide applicator, but also to pass an additional written examination specific to the use of fumigants (particularly grain fumigants) on the farm.
Core	Includes general pesticide application information relative to labeling, safety, environment, pesticides, equipment, application techniques, calibration, handling, and regulations. All certified commercial applicators must successfully complete the Core examination in addition to applicable individual categories.
1A	Agricultural Weed Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control plant pests in the production of agricultural crops, including, but not limited to, feed and/or small grains, corn, soybeans, forage, grasslands, and pasture.
1B	Agricultural Insect Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control insect pests in the production of agricultural crops, including, but not limited to, feed and/or small grains, corn, soybeans, forage, grasslands, and pasture.
1C	Agricultural Crop Disease Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control plant diseases in the production of agricultural crops, including, but not limited to, feed and/or small grains, corn, soybeans, forage, grasslands, and pasture.
1D	Fruit and Vegetable Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control plant, insect, or disease pests in the production of food for human consumption including, but not limited to, vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits, and nuts.
1E	Animal Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides directly on animals, in the production of an agricultural commodity including, but not limited to, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry, or any other livestock, or areas or places on or in which animals are confined. Veterinarians are included in Category 1E when applying restricted use pesticides; engaging in the business of applying general use or restricted use pesticides for hire amounting to a principle or regular occupation; or if publicly claiming to be a pesticide applicator.
2	Forest Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, and forest seed production areas.
3G	Greenhouse Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and/or production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, turf, and other ornamental plants in a greenhouse or other enclosed, climate-controlled environment.
3O	Ornamental Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, and other ornamental plants, except turf, in areas other than a greenhouse or other enclosed, climate-controlled environment.
3OT	Ornamental and Turf Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, and turf grass including in and around structures (except greenhouses), plant nurseries, golf courses, athletic fields, public or private grounds, turf farms, or similar areas.

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3T	Turf Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control pests only in the maintenance and production of turf grasses including in and around structures (except greenhouses or other enclosed, climate-controlled environments), plant nurseries, golf courses, athletic fields, public or private grounds, turf farms, or similar areas.
4	Seed Treatment: includes certified applicators applying pesticides to seed.
5	Aquatic Pest Control: includes certified applicators applying pesticides to standing or running water to control aquatic pests, excluding applicators engaged in public health related activities. Category 5 also includes certified applicators who apply restricted use pesticides for the control of tree roots and similar woody-type hindrances in sewer lines.
6	Right-of-Way Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides in the maintenance of public roads, electric power lines, pipelines, railroad rights-of-way, industrial site weed control, fence lines, structural perimeters, or other similar areas to control unwanted vegetation.
7A	General and Household Pest Management: includes certified applicators using pesticides, except fumigants, for general and household pest control in human dwellings including indoor areas normally frequented or inhabited by humans, such as, but not limited to: schools, hospitals, institutions, dining facilities, food dispensing and food handling establishments, food manufacturers and processors, industrial establishments, warehouses, and any other structures and adjacent areas, public or private. Category 7A also covers the protection of stored, processed, or manufactured products from insects and similar organisms, pest birds, or vertebrate pests.
7B	Termite Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides, except fumigants, to control wood-destroying insects, including, but not limited to, termites. Category 7B also includes persons who conduct wood-destroying insect inspections for the purpose of issuing a wood-destroying insect report for real estate transactions, real estate refinance transactions, or for the treatment for control or prevention of wood-destroying insect infestations.
7C	Fumigation: includes certified applicators using pesticides, in a gaseous form that are classified as fumigants, to control: stored commodity pests including, but not limited to, insects and similar organisms, pest birds, and vertebrate pests in, on, or around areas where grain, food, or feed is stored, processed, manufactured, or produced and within enclosed airtight spaces including, but not limited to: tents, vaults, stacks, storage structures, semi-truck trailers, railroad cars, vessels, storage structures, greenhouses, dwellings, and other containment or structures included in labeled approved sites for the use of gaseous fumigation products for the protection of stored, processed, or manufactured products. Category 7C also includes certified applicators applying gaseous pesticides to a building or other structure for the control of general household pests or wood-destroying insects and also requires certification in the applicable Category 7A or Category 7B, respectively.
7D	Community Insect Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides to control flies or mosquitoes in a community or public health program. Public applicators who apply pesticides to control pests in a public health program are required to be certified in Category 8.
7E	Wood Preservatives: includes certified applicators using wood preserving pesticides to control or protect against wood-destroying organisms including insects, fungi, and marine borers, and including ground line pole treatment, waterproofing millwork, cutoffs, or supplemental field treatment; and making application by pressure or non-pressure dips or sprays, or by thermal or pressure treatment.
7F	Antifouling Paints: includes certified applicators using tributyltin (TBT) paints for the purpose of inhibiting the growth of aquatic plant and animal organisms, including but not limited to slime film, algae, barnacles, and tube worms, on submerged marine structures and on the hulls of boats and ships.
8	Public Health Pest Control: includes certified applicators using pesticides in any designated public health program for the management and control of insects and similar organisms,

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	rodents, and birds or any other designated pest, vertebrate or invertebrate, that may have medical and/or public health importance. Category 8 also includes certified applicators using or supervising the use of restricted use pesticides in swimming pools and related facilities; cooling water systems used to transfer or dissipate heat; and applicators using restricted use pesticides to disinfect or sterilize medical/veterinary equipment, food/beverage/drug processing equipment, and the environmental services of such places as hospitals/nursing homes, food processing areas, and similar environments.
9	Regulatory Pest Control: includes state, federal, or other governmental employees who use pesticides to control pests as a part of official regulatory responsibilities. Category 9 also includes commercial applicators applying pesticides for federal, state, or other governmental units to control regulated pests.
10	Demonstration and Research Pest Control: includes individuals who demonstrate to the public the proper use and techniques of application, or who research the use of pesticides and in doing so use or supervise the use of pesticides. Individuals certified in Category 10 also are required to be certified in another category that is specific to the particular type of pesticide being employed for the particular project.
11	Aerial Application: includes certified applicators who use any aircraft to apply pesticides to control plants, insects, or similar organisms, or plant diseases in the production of agricultural commodities, and/or food for human consumption to include, but not limited to, vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits and nuts, feed, and/or small grains, corn, soybeans, forage, grasslands, and pasture. An aerial applicator, applying pesticides to agricultural land, can operate in Iowa only in cooperation with an "aerial applicator consultant." An aerial applicator consultant coordinates the commercial application of pesticides by aerial applicators. The consultant must be a resident of Iowa; hold a certification in Category 11, Aerial Application; and either a valid commercial applicator license or pesticide dealer license. An applicator certified in Category 11 also may apply pesticides by non-aerial methods as described in Categories 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D. However, an individual certified in Category 1A, 1B, 1C, and/or 1D may not apply pesticides by aircraft until certified in Category 11. An applicator certified in Category 11 may not apply any pesticide for any use other than agricultural plant purposes until the additional certification category is added for the specific use beyond agricultural plant pest control.
H	Certified Handler: includes certified commercial handlers who handle any pesticide in other than unopened containers for the purposes of preparing, mixing, or loading pesticides for application by another person, repackaging bulk pesticides, or disposing of pesticide-related wastes from these activities. A certified handler is required to operate under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial applicator, noncommercial applicator, public applicator, or pesticide dealer and may not apply any restricted use pesticide nor commercially apply any other pesticide. A certified applicator need not be certified as a Handler.