



All Private Applicator Certificate Holders,

You may have recently become aware that DPR is proposing regulatory changes that will impact the certification and training of pesticide applicators. These proposed regulations will require individuals who are currently certified as private applicators to take and pass the revised initial Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) Examination to demonstrate competency with the revised private applicator standards in 40 CFR Part 171.

PAC holders with last names beginning with ‘R-Z’ expire on December 31, 2023. These individuals still have the option to renew by CE hours, if they renew prior to January 1, 2024*. Any consequent renewals will require these PAC holders to take and pass the revised examination. Individuals without CE hours must take and pass the revised examination by January 1, 2024 to maintain uninterrupted certification.

PAC holders with last names beginning with ‘A-H’ expire December 31, 2024. These individuals must take and pass the revised examination by January 1, 2025* to maintain uninterrupted certification.

PAC holders with last names beginning with ‘I-Q’ expire December 31, 2025. These individuals must take and pass the revised examination by January 1, 2026* to maintain uninterrupted certification. Individuals who have already taken and passed the revised initial Private Applicator Certificate Examination on or after October 1, 2022, have been tested on the new private applicator competency standards that are consistent with 40 CFR Part 171. These individuals are eligible to renew their PAC following the procedures described in 3 CCR sections 6582(a) and 6584(a) for future renewals, which include CE hours.

* Beginning **January 1, 2024**, all PAC holders (**regardless of PAC expiration date**) must also possess a separate Burrowing Vertebrate Pest Fumigation Certificate (**in addition to the revised PAC certification**) if they plan to use restricted fumigant pesticides for the control of burrowing vertebrate pests (i.e. aluminum phosphide).

Please contact our office at (661) 868-6300 to schedule an appointment to take either the PAC and/or burrowing vertebrate fumigation (BVF) pest control tests. Appointment are made on a first come first serve basis. We apologize, but we cannot accept walk-ins at this time.

PAC EXAM RESOURCES

Pesticide Safety: A Study Manual for Private Applicators, 3rd Edition.

English Booklet: <https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=3383>

Spanish Booklet: <https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=3394>

English e-book:

https://play.google.com/store/books/details/Shannah_M_Whithaus_Pesticide_Safety_A_Study_Manual?id=fnFbEAAQBAJ

Spanish e-book:

https://play.google.com/store/books/details/Shannah_M_Whithaus_Seguridad_con_los_pesticida_Un?id=NONmEAAQBAJ

* Please see link on our webpage for the free downloadable BVF study manual (.pdf) for the burrowing vertebrate fumigant (BVF) subcategory test.

