

## Qualifications to Take the Licensing Exams

To become a licensed applicator, each person must first become certified as a Commercial Applicator by passing a commercial certification exam. The certification exam(s) must be taken prior to the licensing exam(s) at one of the listed locations across the state. Individuals who wish to become **licensed** may **pick up an application** at any time from the UT Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology Extension Office at 205 Plant Science Building or phone 865/974-7138. Or, one may write to UT Pesticide Safety Education Program, 2431 Joe Johnson Dr, 205 PSB, Knoxville, TN 37996-4560 for an application and other licensing materials.

One may also write to the Certification and Licensing Section at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) for an application. The application should be completed in full, including the \$150 fee made out to TDA, and mailed to: TDA, Certification & Licensing Section, PO Box 40627, Melrose Station, Nashville, TN 37204.

**Licensing exams are given in January, April, July and October.** Therefore, **applications for exams** must be in the TDA's Regulatory Services Division office postmarked by midnight on the tenth (10th) of the month preceding the month of the present exam (**December 10, March 10, June 10, and September 10**). Applications must be received with correct fees plus a college transcript or certificate of experience.

**Qualifications to take the licensing exams are as follows:**

1. **Certified** in respective category **AND**
2. **18 years of age and US citizen** **AND**
3. **Education** – except for WDO, applications are qualified to take the license exams based on education as follows:
  - A. BS degree with major or minor in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Forestry, Horticulture, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Sciences or similar degree.
  - B. Pest Control Consultant  
BS in field of pest control consultation offered.

4. **Education and Experience** Combination:

**WDO:**

- A. *Education:* BS degree in a field in 3A. **AND**  
*Experience:* 1 year full time work experience in WDO.
- B. *Education:* MS or PhD in Entomology **AND**  
Graduate of the Termite Technician School.

**HLT, HRI, WEC or AGE Licensee – Can take Exam in Another One of These 4 Categories Provided:**

- C. *Certified:* Certified in that category of license desired **AND**  
*Experience:* 2 or more years work in that category (must be documented) **AND**  
*Education:* 12 college semester hours **OR**  
24 CEUs.

**AGE & HLT:**

- D. *Certified:* Certified in the category of license desired **AND**  
*Experience:* 2 years work experience (must be documented) **AND**  
*Education:* BA degree **AND**  
12 college semester hours related to AGE or HLT **OR**  
24 CEUs related to AGE or HLT

5. **Experience** – Registered as a pest control technician or salesperson for 24 months of full-time work experience.

- A. **AGE & HLT:**  
CCA certificate **AND**  
1 year full-time work experience related to the licensing category **AND**  
Certified in same category.
- B. **PHMC:**  
Hold a GRC license **AND**  
Public Health Control certification.

Note: Adapted from pages 1 and 2 of the Rules of the Pest Control Operators in the *Laws and Regulations Governing Pest Control Operators and Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides*. (September, 2007 Revised)