



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

Overview of the Limited Certification Programs

The Bureau administers four Limited Certification Categories to certify Governmental or Private applicators, Commercial Landscape Maintenance applicators, Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer applicators, and Limited Commercial Wildlife Management applicators. **None of these certifications allows the operation of a commercial pest control business.**

Limited Governmental or Private Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.155, Florida Statutes

Limited Certification for Governmental and Private Applicators was designed for individuals and employees of private or government entities.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include individuals who apply pesticides to their own or their employer's buildings or lawn and ornamental plants associated with government or commercial structures such as schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc. (Persons making application to their own personal residential property OR persons using retail general-use, ready-to-use, pre-mixed, over the counter products are exempt.)

Certification obtained under this section does not authorize a person to operate a pest control business.

There are two categories within this certification program: "Structural Pest Control" for applications in, on, around or under structures, and "Lawn and Ornamental" for pesticide applications to exterior property areas. Depending on the applicator's job duties, one (or both) of the categories may be required.

Limited Gov't/Private Certification allows the use of both general and restricted use materials. For smaller municipalities and/or companies, each applicator must be individually certified. (For larger operations, the program has provisions for an employer to hire a Florida Pest Control Operator to be in charge of the pest control program and they are responsible for providing training and guidance to any applicator(s) in lieu of individual applicator certification).

Application for examination is made to the Bureau with current photo and fee and an admission slip is issued to the exam candidate. The candidate then makes arrangements with their local County Extension Service office who administers the exam. The exams are then returned to the Bureau for grading and issuance of the credential to passing candidates. The certificate is valid for four years. When renewing, the certified applicator must provide proof of having obtained four hours of acceptable continuing education.

Commercial Landscape Maintenance Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.156, Florida Statutes

The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Certification Program was designed to allow commercial landscape maintenance personnel to make pesticide applications (using materials, with a signal word of Caution) to ornamental plants and plant beds only. It does not allow landscape maintenance workers to make any kind of pesticide applications (including weed control) to any turf areas. There are also restrictions on application equipment.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include commercial (for-hire) lawn maintenance or landscape maintenance individuals who apply pesticides to lawn and ornamental plants in plant beds associated with residential, governmental or commercial structures such as homes, schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.

This certification does not allow or authorize the fertilizing/maintenance company or the applicator to operate a pest control business.

Application is made to the Bureau and, upon approval, an admission slip is provided to the applicant. The applicant makes arrangements with the local County Extension Service office to take the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination. The exam is then graded and certificates issued to applicants who successfully pass the examination and provide proof of minimum liability insurance (see below).

Qualifying for the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination requires the applicant to complete an application and to submit documentation showing completion of six (6) classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental training approved by the Department, current photo and required fee (check or money order in the amount of \$150 made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services).

Also, prior to the issuance of the Limited Commercial Landscape certification, an applicant will have to provide proof of insurance which indicates that their employer meets the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury and property damage. Presently, these amounts are set at: Bodily injury: \$250,000 each person and \$500,000 each occurrence; and property damage \$250,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate; or combined single limit coverage of \$500,000 in the aggregate.

Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.1562, Florida Statutes

The Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer Certification Program was designed to allow commercial (for hire) fertilizer applicators to make fertilizer applications to urban properties. It does not allow any other kind of pesticide applications (including weed-n-feed fertilizers) to any turf or ornamental areas.

Examples of applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include commercial (for-hire) lawn maintenance or landscape maintenance individuals who apply fertilizers to lawn and ornamental plants in turf and plant bed areas associated with residential, governmental or commercial structures such as homes, schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.

This certification does not allow or authorize the maintenance company or the applicator to operate a pest control business. It also does not allow the application of pesticides to turf or ornamentals, including pesticide/fertilizer mixtures and it does not allow supervision of non-certified fertilizer applicators.

Application is made directly to the Bureau and the applicant must submit proof of training under Chapter 403.9338, F.S., with the required fee (check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services).

Limited Commercial Wildlife Management Certification
Chapter 482.157, Florida Statutes

The Limited Commercial Wildlife Management Certification Program was designed to allow commercial wildlife trappers to exclude and trap (including glue boards) commensal rodents in, on or under structures. It does not allow wildlife management workers to make any kind of pesticide applications.

Examples of persons that are impacted by this regulation would include any commercial (for-hire) wildlife trapper wanting to control commensal rodents (rats/mice) in, on, or under structures. These structures can be residential, governmental or commercial structures such as homes, schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.

This certification does not allow or authorize the wildlife company or the applicator to operate a pest control business.

Application is made to the Bureau with the required fee (check or money order in the amount of \$150 made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) and, upon approval, an admission slip is provided to the applicant. The applicant makes arrangements with the local County Extension Service office to take the Limited Commercial Wildlife Management certification examination. The exam is then graded and certificates issued to applicants who successfully pass the examination and provide proof of minimum liability insurance (see below).

Also, prior to the issuance of the Limited Wildlife Management certification, an applicant will have to provide proof of insurance which indicates that their employer meets the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury and property damage. Presently, these amounts are set at: Bodily injury: \$250,000 each person and \$500,000 each occurrence; and property damage \$250,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate; or combined single limit coverage of \$500,000 in the aggregate.

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**LIMITED URBAN FERTILIZER APPLICATOR
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Persons seeking certification in this category must complete the application and submit proof of training that has been approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, under Chapter 403.9338, F.S., commonly known as the Green Industries Best Management Practices (GIBMP) training.

Most of this training is being provided by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS). Available training programs and classes can be found at this website: <https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu/>

You will be awarded a certificate upon completion of this training. A copy of this certificate **MUST** be included with your application.

Application is made directly to the Bureau by submitting a completed application form (DACS 13677) with the required fee (check or money order) in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and a copy of the GIBMP training certificate.

**CERTIFICATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT
AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO OPERATE A PEST CONTROL BUSINESS.**

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**APPLICATION FOR LIMITED CERTIFICATION
FOR URBAN LANDSCAPE COMMERCIAL
FERTILIZER**

Rule 5E-14.117, F.A.C.
Telephone: (850) 617-7997

Remit Fee Online at:
www.FreshFromFlorida.com
- or -
Check or Money Order Payable to
FDACS:
Revenue Processing Section
407 S. Calhoun Street, Room 121
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800

IMPORTANT – DIRECTIONS:

- (1) Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to apply.
- (2) Attach a current, clearly recognizable, full-face, head and shoulders photograph measuring approximately 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches in size even if already on file.
- (3) Enclose a check or money order made payable to DACS in the amount of \$25.00. Please remit separate checks for each application. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- (4) You must enclose a certificate of completion of training issued by the University of Florida (IFAS) and/or Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with this application. An applicant must submit their date of birth and a 4 digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) of their choice. This combination creates a unique identifier for each person. **THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMEMBERING THEIR PIN.**

Issuance fee for a Limited Certificate
for Commercial Fertilizer Application - 002258: \$ 25.00 each

Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

**ATTACH RECENT
1 1/2 X 1 1/2 INCH
CLEAR, FULL- FACE
PHOTO HERE
EVEN IF
PREVIOUSLY
SUBMITTED.**

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETELY FILLED IN. PLEASE PRINT.

- 1. Full Legal Name of Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
- 2. Mailing Address: _____
(Complete Street or Post Office Box Number)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)
- 3. Email Address: _____
- 4. Telephone Number: _____
(Area Code) (Phone Number)
- 5. Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ 4 Digit PIN: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Personal Identification Number)
- 6. Employed By: _____
(Name of Company)
- 7. Employer's Address: _____
(Complete Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
- 8. Employer's Telephone Number: _____
(Area Code) (Phone Number)

I hereby make application for the issuance of a Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Org. Code: 42 13 08 02 060
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Object Code: 002258 \$ 25.00