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GENERAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED TECHNICIANS

Prior to making application for Registered Technician certification, a prospective applicant must first receive **at least 40 hours of training in the safe and proper application of pesticides**. The training must include the following:

1. Must include 20 hours Board-approved training consisting of at the minimum, study and review of all the material contained in the most current edition used in Virginia of the basic pesticide applicator certification training Core manual. (These manuals may be obtained for a nominal fee from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Distribution Center, 112 Landsdowne Street (VT-0512), Blacksburg, VA 24061, 540-231-1325.)
2. 20 hours on-the-job (practical) instruction in the safe and proper handling, mixing, and application of the pesticides normally associated with the technician's job duties under the direct, on-site supervision of a certified commercial applicator, and
3. This training must be received during the six month period previous to applying for Registered Technician certification.

Registered Technicians may apply general-use pesticides unsupervised, and restricted-use pesticides only under the direct supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION
FOR REGISTERED TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

1. Return completed application with payment. (Government employees are fee- exempt.) If you meet the above requirements, you will be sent a Notice of Authorization to take the certification exam.
2. Within 90 days of the date of the Notice of Authorization, report to an approved VDACS or DMV testing location to take the written examination, a 50 question multiple choice test. Computerized exams at the DMV Customer Service Centers are scored as you are taking them, and you will be notified of your score as you complete each exam. Written exams taken at VDACS testing centers will be sent to the Office of Pesticide Services in Richmond to be scored.
3. If you pass the Registered Technician examination, the Office of Pesticide Services (OPS) will notify you, and send you your certificate, generally within 10 work days. If you take and pass your exam at one of the DMV Customer Service Centers, you will be issued a temporary certificate good for seven days. Your permanent certificate will be mailed to you by OPS within seven days.