

Applicator Trainee – Frequently Asked Questions

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Who is considered an Applicator Trainee?

- Applicator trainees are individuals new to the Nevada pest control industry who are employed by a licensed pest control company and are registered with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA). After registering with the NDA and receiving basic pesticide safety information from their employer, they may apply pesticides and perform related pest control work on behalf of their employer for up to 90 days while they work toward becoming licensed.

What are the steps to register an Applicator Trainee with my business?

- Licensed pest control businesses must submit a registration form to any of the NDA offices in person or by mail. The NDA will issue a registration card to the applicator trainee with an expiration date 90 days from the date of registration. Registration forms are available [online](#) or at any NDA office.
- Provide pesticide safety information and General Standards of Practice to the applicator trainee and keep a record documenting their training. You may provide this information in any format that you choose, or by using EPA approved training materials which meet these requirements. You can find details of training requirements, training materials, and documentation forms at agri.nv.gov/Plant/PEST/Applicator_Trainee.
- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE), application equipment, and instructions for the pesticide applications they will be conducting.
- Assign a supervising applicator to the trainee, who is available to answer questions and provide assistance while the applicator trainee is applying pesticides.

Which categories of pest control can an Applicator Trainee work in?

- Applicator trainees may register one time in one of the following categories: C1 – Limited Landscape, C2 – Industrial/Institutional, and C6 – Weeds categories of pest control.
- Applicator trainees may only perform pest control in a category in which their employer and supervising applicator are licensed.

Can an Applicator Trainee work alone?

- Applicator trainees may apply general-use pesticides under “direct supervision”, meaning that a supervising applicator does not need to be present, but must be immediately and directly available by phone or other means.
- Applicator trainees may apply restricted-use pesticides unless prohibited by the pesticide label, under “immediate supervision”, meaning that a supervising applicator or licensee must be physically present during the application.