

Commercial, Non-Commercial, and Public Operator Applicator Information

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A “Certified Applicator” indicates the person has passed exams to become licensed and “certified”. Examples include:

Certified Commercial Applicators can use, supervise the use of, or determine the need for the use of any pesticide, whether classified for restricted use or for general use, while engaged in the business of using pesticides on the lands of another as a direct service to the public in exchange for a fee or compensation. (Ex: work for a landscaping company or tree service)

Certified Noncommercial Applicators can use, or supervise the use of, any pesticide which is classified for restricted use only on lands owned or rented by the applicator or their employer. (Ex: work for a golf course, a corporate campus, community association (HOA))

Certified Public Operators can use, or supervise the use of, any pesticide which is classified for restricted use in the performance of their duties as an official or employee of any federal, state, county, or local governmental agency. (Ex: work for a municipality, state or county agency)

There are two dates to be aware of when it comes to RENEWAL and RECERTIFICATION Both are shown on your license.

“License Expires” (This is your renewal.)

“License Expires” (RENEWAL date)

Certified Commercial and Certified Non-Commercial Applicator licenses expire annually. The license may be renewed by submitting the required license fee and a signed renewal card, provided by the Department, prior to expiration, or by renewing online through [MOPlants](#). If your license expires, you can still renew during the sixty (60) day grace period following license expiration. If renewing after expiration, the license holder must pay the original license fee of, plus a late penalty of 25%. Licenses and certifications are canceled if not renewed before the expiration of the grace period.

Certified Public Operator licenses expire every three (3) years. The license may be renewed by submitting a signed renewal card, provided by the Department, prior to expiration, or by renewing online through [MOPlants](#). If your license expires, you can still renew during the sixty (60) day grace period following license expiration. Licenses and certifications are canceled if not renewed before the expiration of the grace period.

“Recertified Until” (You need to recertify your license by this date.)

Recertifying an Existing Certification

All Certified Applicators are required to **recertify** every three (3) years. This may be accomplished by attending an approved recertification program or by re-examination.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2025, all Certified Applicators are required to recertify in all categories listed on their license and the CORE.

Technician License Information from <https://agriculture.mo.gov/plants/pesticides/>

Individuals who use, or determine the need for the use of, general use pesticides ONLY, under the direct supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator, in Ornamental and Turf Pest Control, must be licensed as a *Pesticide Technician*. Skip Kincaid only offers technician training for Category 3 “Ornamental and Turf Pest” applicants.

REMINDER: A technician license in Category 3 only allows the license holder to use general use pesticides. To obtain a noncertified license to use, or determine the need for the use of, general use AND restricted use pesticides in Ornamental and Turf Pest Control, General Structural Pest Control, or Termite Pest Control, refer to the Noncertified RUP Applicator (NRUP) section for licensing information.

Pesticide Technician license holders are not certified. Anyone licensed as a Pesticide Technician must remain under the direct supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator working for the same business, from the same business location and certified in the same categories as the technician.

NOTE: Courses offered by Skip Kincaid provide 6 hours of the required classroom training to obtain a technician license. After attending the course, technician trainees will receive a “Technician Notice of Training” form that verifies the 6 hours of training. The employer will be responsible for providing the rest of the required training, documenting the training on the provided “Technician Notice of Training” form, and providing that to the Missouri Department of Agriculture along with an application for a technician license.

NRUP License Information from <https://agriculture.mo.gov/plants/pesticides/>

Individuals who use a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) in a commercial, noncommercial or public operator setting must, at minimum, have an NRUP license. NRUP license holders are not certified. Anyone licensed as an NRUP applicator must remain under the direct supervision of a Certified Applicator working for the same business, and from the same business location.

NRUP licenses do not have categories. NRUP Applicators can use General Use and Restricted Use Pesticides ONLY in the categories their direct supervisor holds on their Certified Applicator license.

New License

To become licensed as a Noncertified RUP Applicator, you are required to complete a preapproved NRUP training program OR pass the pesticide general standards CORE examination.

Skip Kincaid's NRUP course is approved by MDA. Attendees will receive this completed form after attending the NRUP course. It will verify attendance at the course. Fees paid to attend the course do not include license fees that are required by MDA. License fees are paid directly to MDA.

Renewing an Existing NRUP License

NRUP licenses expire annually. The license may be renewed by submitting the required license fee to MDA and the signed renewal card prior to expiration, or by renewing online through [MOPlants](#).

Retraining (required annually or every 3 years)

The length of time for which an NRUP license is valid is determined by the method which the license was obtained (i.e. training or examination). If the license was obtained through testing, there is a retraining period of 3 years. If the license was obtained from attending an NRUP retraining program, there is a retaining period of 1 year.

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