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## **Significant changes to the Missouri Pesticide Use Act (MPUA) effective Jan. 1, 2025.**

### Certified Private Applicators and Certified Provisional Private Applicators

**Q: Will there be any “delays” regarding the new changes, or must all requirements be met as of Jan. 1, 2025?**

**A:** The department will “delay” requiring certification in the six new categories (12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23) added to the Act on 1 Jan. 1, 2025, for existing certified applicators (those having valid certification remaining on their license on Jan. 1, 2025) until their existing certification expires. All new requirements will be in effect when their existing certification expires.

**Q: Will a Private Applicator’s ability to supervise the use of pesticides or purchase pesticides be affected if they have a delayed license?**

**A:** Certified private applicators with “delayed” licenses will maintain their ability to use and purchase pesticides in accordance with the MPUA as it existed on Dec. 31, 2024, until their existing certification expires. **However**, beginning Jan. 1, 2025, Certified Private Applicators can no longer supervise the use of RUPs.

**Q: Will all Private Applicators using RUPs need to be licensed?**

**A:** 281.040.2 removes a Certified Private Applicator’s ability to “supervise the use of” restricted use pesticides (RUPs). All private applicator uses of RUPs must be performed by Certified Private Applicators or Certified Provisional Private Applicators.

**Q: What is a Provisional Private Applicator License?**

**A:** Individuals who are 16 or 17 years of age and an immediate family member of a certified private applicator are eligible to obtain certification as a Certified Provisional Private Applicator. Certified Provisional Private Applicators are only eligible to be licensed in Category 20-General Agricultural Pest Control.

**Q: What requirements must be met to qualify for a Certified Private Applicator or Certified Provisional Private Applicator license?**

**A:** 281.040.3 requires all applicants for a Certified Private Applicator or Certified Provisional Private Applicator license to attend approved training, complete online training, or pass the required exam for each required category (categories listed in 2 CSR 70-25.140). University of Missouri Extension will collect reasonable fees for study materials and for enrollment in online and in-person training programs. Pearson Vue will collect a fee for each examination.

**Applicants must also fill out an application to be submitted to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.**

**Q: Which categories are available to Certified Private Applicators and Certified Provisional Private Applicators, and which categories do they need?**

**A:** 2CSR 70-25.130 (1) requires all applicants for a Certified Private Applicator or Certified Provisional Private Applicator license to attend approved training **or** pass the exam for Category 20 – General Agricultural Pest Control.

Certified Private Applicators who use RUPs in Category 21 - Soil Fumigation, Category 22 - Non-soil Fumigation, or Category 23 – Aerial, are required to attend approved training **or** pass the category specific exam and add the category to their Category 20 license (see delay provisions).

Certified Provisional Private Applicators are not eligible for Categories 21, 22, or 23. All approved private applicator training programs will require the applicant to demonstrate their ability to comprehend pesticide label directions for use.

**Q: Will Certified Private Applicators need to recertify in all licensed categories?**

**A:** 2CSR 70-25.050 (4) requires Certified Private Applicators to recertify by attending approved private applicator training programs in all licensed categories or passing the examination in all licensed categories.

**Q: Is the definition of “use” changing?**

**A:** 281.020 (34) expands the definition of “use” to include loading any pesticide; cleaning pesticide equipment; and storing or disposing of pesticide containers, pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, or other pesticide containing materials.

**Q: What other changes should I be aware of?**

**A:**

- 281.060.1 requires all licensed applicators to notify the department within 10 days of any conviction of or plea to any offense listed in this section.
- 281.101 adds various acts to the list of unlawful acts, including: the use of cancelled or suspended pesticides; the purchase or acquisition of restricted use pesticides without a proper license; the theft of examination materials; and cheating on examinations.