

**Title 2—DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
Division 70—Plant Industries
Chapter 25—Pesticides**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

2 CSR 70-25.070 Requirements for Certified Commercial Applicators [or Public Operators] in Structural Pest Control. The department is amending the rule title and section (1).

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies structural experience requirements for Certified Commercial Applicators.

(1) Applicants for certified commercial applicator licenses [*or public operator licenses*] in structural pest control shall meet at least one (1) of the following:

(A) Applicants shall have a minimum of an Associate's [*of Arts (AA)*] degree [*or its equivalent*] in agriculture, biology, chemistry, or entomology, **or twenty (20) credit hours in agriculture, biology, chemistry, or entomology**, from an accredited college or university. Evidence of this education shall be in the form of a copy of the degree or **official** transcript;

(B) Applicants shall have at least one (1) year of experience **applying pesticides** in accordance with the Missouri Pesticide[s] Use Act (the Act). **Experience gained as an inspector or salesperson will not qualify in place of experience gained in applying pesticides.** This experience shall be—

1. Gained within the three (3) years prior to the date of application;

2. As an applicator **in accordance with the laws of any state or protectorate of the United States** in the subcategory of structural pest control which relates to the area of expertise in which the applicant will use pesticides; and

3. Evidenced in a [*notarized*] statement containing the name, address, and telephone number of the employer, **name and license number of the certified commercial applicator(s), certified noncommercial applicator(s), or certified public operator(s) providing direct supervision**, [*from whom the applicant received the experience*] and dates of employment; or

(C) Applicants shall have a combination of education and **pesticide application** experience as follows:

1. Successful completion of [*an*] **a department-**approved correspondence course in pest control within three (3) years prior to application for licensure or addition of categories to an existing license;

2. At least six (6) months experience in accordance with the Act within the three (3) years prior to the date of application, as an applicator **in accordance with the laws of any state or protectorate of the United States** in the subcategory of structural pest control which relates to the area of expertise in which the applicant will use pesticides; and

3. Evidence of the approved correspondence course and **pesticide application** experience shall include:

A. A copy of the certificate from the approved correspondence course; and

B. A [*notarized*] statement containing the name, address, and telephone number of the employer, **name and license number of the certified commercial applicator(s)**,

certified noncommercial applicator(s), or certified public operator(s) providing direct supervision, [from whom the applicant received the experience] and dates of employment.

*AUTHORITY: section 281.025, RSMo Supp. 1989. * Original rule filed May 12, 1976, effective Oct. 21, 1976. Amended: Filed July 8, 1977, effective Oct. 14, 1977. Amended: Filed Aug. 14, 1989, effective Jan. 1, 1990.*

**Original authority: 281.025, RSMo 1974, amended 1977, 1988, 1993, 1995.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. A public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m, July 22, 2024, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Third Floor Boardroom, 1616 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO, 65109.*