

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

**2 CSR 70-25.130 Requirements for a Certified Private Applicator License or Certified Provisional Private Applicator License.** The department is amending the rule title and section (1).

*PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies licensing requirements for private applicators.*

(1) [A] **Applicants for a certified private applicator license or certified provisional private applicator license** [*will be issued to any private applicator who meets the following requirements*] **shall:**

[*(A) Applicants shall submit to the director a verification of training signed by the applicant and an authorized pesticide trainer; and*

*(B) The applicant shall have attended a private applicator training program provided by the director and presented by the University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service or the applicant shall have demonstrated competence in the safe and proper use of pesticides by completing any other program of pesticide training approved by the director.]*

**(A) Be of legal age;**

**(B) Be a producer of agricultural commodities as defined in section 2 CSR 70-25.010;**

**(C) Present a valid, government-issued photo identification, or other form of similarly reliable identification approved by the director, as proof of identity and age at the time of the training program or examination to be eligible for certification or recertification;**

**(D) Obtain certification in Category 20—General Agricultural Pest Control:**

**1. Applicants for a Certified Private Applicator license shall also obtain certification in the following categories when required by the Act: Category 21—Soil Fumigation Pest Control, Category 22—Non-Soil Fumigation Pest Control, and Category 23—Aerial Pest Control.**

**2. Applicants for a Certified Provisional Private Applicator license are only eligible for certification in Category 20-General Agricultural Pest Control; and**

**(E) Meet one of the following three (3) options for each required category:**

**1. Attend a private applicator certification training program approved by the director as required by section 281.040 and provided and presented by the University of Missouri Extension. The individual's attendance of an approved private applicator certification training program and successful demonstration of competency in comprehending pesticide label and labeling directions for use shall be verified by the signature of the University of Missouri Extension instructor and the signature of the individual on a verification document provided by the director. The signed document shall be immediately forwarded to the Missouri Department of Agriculture as proof of attendance and evidence of successful demonstration of competency in comprehending pesticide label and labeling directions for use;**

**2. Complete a private applicator on-line certification training program approved by the director as required by section 281.040 and provided and presented by the University**

of Missouri Extension. Immediately following the completion of an on-line private applicator certification training program, the University of Missouri Extension shall forward verification of the individual's successful completion of the training program, including evidence of the individual's demonstration of competency in comprehending pesticide label and labeling directions for use; or

3. Pass the required private applicator category certification examination(s) based on the standards of competence for Category 20–General Agricultural Pest Control, Category 21–Soil Fumigation Pest Control, Category 22–Non-soil Fumigation Pest Control, and Category 23–Aerial Pest Control. Passing scores require at least seventy percent (70%).

*AUTHORITY: section 281.040, RSMo 1986.\* Original rule filed May 12, 1976, effective Oct. 21, 1976.*

*\*Original authority: 281.040, RSMo 1974, amended 1977, 1988.*

*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.*