



Additional Pesticide Certification Exam Date Announced for Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Location: National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn, East Windsor, Mercer County, NJ. Site offers 185 seats. Exam times will be 10:00AM, 12:30PM, and 3:00PM. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 4th

Why is DEP adding an exam date to the original exam schedule?

The Bureau of Licensing and Pesticide Operations made a change to its 2014 exam schedule which was published in December 2013. The new schedule involved larger venues but less frequent events. The total offerings of exam opportunities for 2014 match those for 2013 including a higher number of seats in January and March to accommodate the seasonal nature of the pesticide business. Despite outreach at training sessions, many new applicants were not aware of the change in time to plan for the lower frequencies of exam events. In order to help exam applicants the Bureau of Licensing and Pesticide Operations is offering this one-time catch up exam on April 16, 2014.

What should I do?

To sit for exams on April 16th, 2014 follow the [exam sign-up](#) procedures listed at www.pcpnj.org

This new April 16, 2014 exam date is open to all exam applicants. Applications for April 16, 2014 may be **postmarked up to and including April 4, 2014**. For applications postmarked beyond this cut-off the Department may direct people to future exams dates. Please note that as always, **incomplete exam application packets will be returned**.

Be aware of the exam schedule. The regulated community and any exam applicant should become familiar with the shift in the Bureau's exam schedule. The Pesticide Certification Exam Schedule is posted on the Program's website at www.pcpnj.org prior to January 1st of each calendar year. Please check available exam dates and plan accordingly.

Study and pass. Although these exams are free of charge, individuals should not be relying on the availability to take exams multiple times. We ask the regulated community and all exam applicants to study and prepare properly for their exams. This will help you and save time. Limited capacity by the Department to host exams may lead to disincentives for failing such as exam re-take fees or low priority for repeat applicants.

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What if I cannot attend any exams in the near future?

Any applicant seeking to become certified for a commercial or private pesticide applicator license during the 2014 season who is unable to attend any of the over 3,700 exams offered in accordance with the posted exam schedule may work as a Commercial Pesticide Operator until such time that the applicant successfully passes the appropriate exams. To become licensed as a Pesticide Operator, the applicant must complete a Basic Pesticide Training Course and 40 hours of on-the-job- training in each category of work.

Commercial pesticide operator means any person who applies pesticides by equipment other than aerial under the *direct supervision* (within sight) of a responsible commercial pesticide applicator or “licensed applicator”.

Who should I contact with questions?

The Bureau of Licensing and Pesticide Operations at 609-984-6507.

Where can I get more information?

The following website can be accessed for additional information:

www.pcpnj.org

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement number listed above.