



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

Limited Certification Programs

The Bureau administers two Limited Certification Categories to certify Governmental or Private applicators and the Commercial Landscape Maintenance applicators. **Neither of these certifications allows the operation of a commercial pest control business.**

Limited Governmental or Private Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.155, Florida Statutes

Limited Certification for Governmental and Private Applicators was designed for individuals and employees of private or government entities.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include individuals who apply pesticides to their own or their employer's buildings or lawn and ornamental plants associated with government or commercial structures such as schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc. (Persons making application to their own personal residential property OR persons using retail general-use, ready-to-use, pre-mixed, over the counter products are exempt.)

Certification obtained under this section does not authorize a person to operate a pest control business.

There are two categories within this certification program: "Structural Pest Control" for applications in, on, around or under structures, and "Lawn and Ornamental" for pesticide applications to exterior property areas. Depending on the applicator's job duties, one (or both) of the categories may be required.

Limited Gov't/Private Certification allows the use of both general and restricted use materials. For smaller municipalities and/or companies, each applicator must be individually certified. (For larger operations, the program has provisions for an employer to hire a Florida Pest Control Operator to be in charge of the pest control program and they are responsible for providing training and guidance to any applicator(s) in lieu of individual applicator certification).

Application for examination is made to the Bureau with current photo and fee and an admission slip is issued to the exam candidate. The candidate then makes arrangements with their local County Extension Service office who administers the exam. The exams are then returned to the Bureau for grading and issuance of the credential to passing candidates. The certificate is valid for four years. When renewing, the certified applicator must provide proof of having obtained four hours of acceptable continuing education.

Commercial Landscape Maintenance Applicator Certification

Chapter 482.156, Florida Statutes

The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Certification Program was designed to allow commercial landscape maintenance personnel to make pesticide applications (using materials, with a signal word of Caution) to ornamental plants and plant beds only. It does not allow landscape maintenance workers to make any kind of pesticide applications (including weed control) to any turf areas. There are also restrictions on application equipment.

Examples of pesticide applicators that are impacted by this regulation would include commercial (for-hire) lawn maintenance or landscape maintenance individuals who apply pesticides to lawn and ornamental plants in plant beds associated with residential, governmental or commercial structures such as homes, schools, municipal/agency offices, banks, grocery stores, apartments, condominium common areas, hotels, restaurants, etc.

This certification does not allow or authorize the maintenance company or the applicator to operate a pest control business.

Application is made to the Bureau and, upon approval, an admission slip is provided to the applicant. The applicant makes arrangements with the local County Extension Service office to take the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination. The exam is then graded and certificates issued to applicants who successfully pass the examination and provide proof of minimum liability insurance (see below).

Qualifying for the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance examination requires the applicant to complete an application and to submit documentation showing completion of six (6) classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental training approved by the Department, current photo and required fee (check or money order in the amount of \$150 made payable to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services).

Also, prior to the issuance of the Limited Commercial Landscape certification, an applicant will have to provide proof of insurance which indicates that their employer meets the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury and property damage. Presently, these amounts are set at: Bodily injury: \$250,000 each person and \$500,000 each occurrence; and property damage \$250,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate; or combined single limit coverage of \$500,000 in the aggregate.



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LIMITED CERTIFICATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Persons seeking certification in this category must pass an examination given by the department. The examination fee is set at \$150. Those individuals performing pest control upon their own individual residential property are exempted from these requirements.

The Annual Recertification must be accompanied by a fee of \$75 and proof of having obtained four hours of acceptable continuing education submitted on DACS Form 13325 and proof of insurance in accordance with Section 482.071(4).

The examination will be given at least quarterly, or as necessary, at most County Extension offices.

CERTIFICATION OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO OPERATE A PEST CONTROL BUSINESS. OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY. PLEASE CONSULT CHAPTER 482.156(4), FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR A COMPLETE LISTING.

Section 482.156, Florida Statutes, also requires that each applicant for examination must submit the following:

1. An application on DACS Form 13604 with a current photo and the required fee.
2. Documentation showing completion of six (6) classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental continuing education training approved by the Department. Approved providers include many of the county offices of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, pesticide distributors and pesticide consulting service companies. You may contact those in your area for further information.

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LIMITED CERTIFICATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
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3. Prior to issuance of the Limited Commercial Landscape certificate, proof of having a Certificate of Insurance (DACS Form 13654) that the employer meets the requirements for minimum financial responsibility for bodily injury and property damage consisting of:

- (a) Bodily injury: \$250,000 each person and \$500,000 each occurrence; and property damage \$250,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate; or
- (b) Combined single limit coverage: \$500,000 in the aggregate.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL SUGGESTED FOR STUDY IN PREPARATION FOR THE
LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

The source and price of each reference are provided at the end of this list as indicated by the numbers in parentheses ().

REFERENCES FOR ALL LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS:

The Structural Pest Control Act, Chapter 482, Florida Statutes (1)
Rules of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Chapter 5E-14, Florida
Administrative Code (1)
Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Pesticide Applicators (Revised 2010)-SM-1 (2a)

For Questions concerning labels, a label will be included for reference during examination.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES IN EACH CATEGORY:

LIMITED STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

General Household Pest Control Applicator Training Manual – SM-47
Edited by Philip G. Koehler & William H. Kern, Jr. (2b)

LIMITED LAWN & ORNAMENTAL

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management – SM-7 (2c)

Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources in Florida, June 2002, Florida
Green Industries. Available free of charge at your local County extension office or it can be
downloaded directly from: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/docs/nonpoint/grn-ind-bmp-en-12-2008.pdf>

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LIMITED CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS
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LIMITED COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management – SM-7 (2c)

Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources in Florida, June 2002, Florida Green Industries. Available free of charge at your local County extension office or it can be downloaded directly from: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/docs/nonpoint/grn-ind-bmp-en-12-2008.pdf>

SOURCE OF REFERENCE MATERIAL

(1) The Structural Pest Control Act, Chapter 482, Florida Statutes, and the Rules of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Chapter 5E-14, Florida Administrative Code, (NO CHARGE). Available online at: <http://www.flaes.org/statutesandrules.html> or upon request from the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control, 1203 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, Telephone (850) 617-7997.

(2) IFAS Manuals

- a. Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Pesticide Applicators, 7th Edition SM 1 - \$20.00
- b. General Household Pest Control Applicator Training Manual, SM 47 - \$30.00
- c. Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Management, SM 7 - \$20.00

All of the above under (2) are available from IFAS Publications, Building 664, Gainesville, Florida, 32611, telephone (800) 226-1764. Make Checks payable to University of Florida. Florida residents add the appropriate sales tax for the county in which you reside and the postage/handling costs as indicated below.

Schedule of Postage and Handling

Amount of Sale	Add
\$ 0 - 4.99	\$4
\$ 5 - 24.99	\$6
\$ 25 - 49.99	\$7
\$ 50 - 129.99	\$8



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**LIMITED CERTIFICATION FOR COMMERCIAL
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

Section 482.156, F.S. and Rule 5E-14.117, F.A.C.
Telephone: (850) 617-7997

Make check or money order payable to FDACS and remit with completed form to:
Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control
1203 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, GS-46
Tallahassee, FL 32301-2961

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

APPROVED _____

DISAPPROVED _____

DATE _____

BY _____

IMPORTANT - DIRECTIONS:

- (1) Applicant must be 18 years of age or older to apply.
- (2) Attach a current, clearly recognizable, full-face, head-and-shoulders, photograph measuring approximately 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches in size even if already on file.
- (3) Enclose a check or money order payable to DACS in the amount of \$150.00. **DO NOT SEND CASH. PLEASE REMIT SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH APPLICATION.**

I hereby make application for the Limited Certification for Commercial Landscape Maintenance Personnel examination.

ATTACH RECENT
1 1/2 x 1 1/2 INCH
CLEAR, FULL-FACE
PHOTO HERE

**EVEN IF ALREADY
ON FILE**

DO NOT STAPLE

Limited Certification for Commercial
Landscape Maintenance Personnel \$ 150.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

All questions **MUST** be answered. PLEASE PRINT.

1. **Name of Applicant** _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address _____
(Street or Post Office Box)

(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number _____
(Area Code)

2. **Name of Employer** _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

Employer Phone No. _____
(Area Code)

3. Have you previously been examined and failed in the category now applied for? YES NO
If yes, give month and year FIRST examined in category: _____
(Month) (Year)

Date of Birth: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Digit PIN# (Reference Memorandum #823 for explanation)
Application cannot be processed without this number

County to be examined in: _____

(Applicant's Signature)



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CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Section 482.156(2)(a), F.S. and Rule 5E-14.117, F.A.C.
Telephone: (850) 617-7997

Respond to:
Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control
1203 Governors Square Blvd.,
Suite 300, GS-46
Tallahassee, FL 32301-2961

Pertaining to Commercial Landscape Maintenance Personnel

Insured:
(Commercial Landscape Maintenance Co)

Company Name

Company Business Location Address

City, State, Zip Code

PRODUCER:
(Insurance Agent)

Company Name

Company Business Location Address

City, State, Zip Code

Insured Company Affording Coverage:

Company Name

Policy Number

Policy effective date

Policy expiration date

Chapter 482.156(2)(a), Florida Statutes, states in part "Each person making application for certification under this section must furnish proof of having a certificate of insurance which states that the employer meets the requirements for minimum financial responsibility for bodily injury and property damage required by s. 482.071(4)." consisting of:

- (A) Bodily injury: \$250,000 each person and \$500,000 each occurrence; and
Property damage: \$250,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate; or
- (B) Combined single-limit coverage: \$500,000 in the aggregate.

The insured's coverage meets or exceeds the minimum statutory requirement as stated above:

Authorized Insurance Representative

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control
1203 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, GS-46
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2961