

Pesticide Applicator Licensing Polk County, MN

The information and resources provided on this page are for persons wishing to obtain a license to apply pesticides in the state of Minnesota. Pesticides include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and other products intended to prevent, destroy, repel or mitigate a pest and substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) issues licenses to Commercial and Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators and Structural Pest Control Applicators. For more information go to <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/licenses?tid=111>

How to Apply for a Commercial or Non Commercial Pesticide Applicator License

- Complete the online application at: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/licenses>
- You must pay the application fee online once you complete the application. Print out the confirmation page to bring as proof the day you take the test.

Preparing for the Exam

- Every person must pass the Core Exam (Category A) and at least one additional category exam. Study Materials for the exams may be ordered from U of MN Bookstores Extension Publications by calling 612-627-0108 or online at <https://bookstores.umn.edu/books/pesticide-manuals>
- Call 218-470-8250 to schedule the written exam.

At the Testing Location

- Exams are given during normal business hours located at the Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN
- What to bring:
 - Confirmation of your online application and proof of payment.
 - Your driver's license or other proof of identity.

Taking the Exam

- Exams are not timed.
- Exams are closed book and require at least 70% correct answers to pass.
- Exam questions are primarily multiple choice.
- Questions and answers will not be explained.
- A calculator is provided for use during the exam.
- No talking is allowed during the exam.
- Reference materials may not be used during the examination and cell phone use is prohibited.
- Testers are monitored and the testing session will be ended if tester fails to follow directions.

After the Test

- The answer sheets are mailed to the St. Paul office to be scored and testers will be notified of results by mail.
- MDA mails a license ID card to successful applicants. Successful applicants will see their valid license online as soon as it is approved.
- A Fail Letter with test scores will be sent to unsuccessful applicants.