

Who needs *Registered Technician or Commercial Applicator Training and Certification*?

Commercial Applicators (For Hire)

- Use any pesticides on others' property in exchange for compensation
- Must work for a company with a Pesticide Business License

Commercial Applicators (Not for Hire)

- Use any pesticides as part of job duties, on property owned or leased by them or their employers
- Use pesticides as a government employee
- Use pesticides on any area open to the general public at the following establishments: educational institutions, healthcare facilities, daycare facilities, convalescent facilities
- Use pesticides where open food is stored, processed or sold
- Use pesticides on any recreational land over five acres

Registered Technicians

- Operate under the supervision of a commercial applicator when applying restricted-use pesticides
- Have not completed the requirements for commercial certification
- Can apply general use pesticides without supervision

For more information: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification.shtml>

What category do I need to be certified in?

A Commercial Applicator must be certified in the category or categories fitting the type of pesticide use practiced or supervised. Commercial Applicators engaged in several sorts of pesticide-related activities may need to be certified in several categories.

Visit: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/catdescription.pdf> to help you select the categories in which you wish to become certified.

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Training

2023 Commercial Pesticide Certification Preparation Course

March 15

CORE Training: Registered Technicians and Commercial Applicators

March 22

Category 3A–Ornamental Pest Control: for use of pesticides in the production and/or maintenance of ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers in and out-of-doors

March 29

Category 3B–Turf: for use of pesticides in the production and/or maintenance of turf such as on golf courses, residential lawns, parks and cemeteries.

March 30

Exam(s)

All Classes: 8:30 am–4 pm

Program Location:

Henrico Recreation and Parks Administration Bldg.
Dumbarton Room
6800 Staples Mill Rd
Henrico, VA 23228

Step 1 – Register for Training:

Complete a separate registration application for *each* person attending by **Friday, March 3, 2023**

Cost: \$20 for each training session, no cost for exam date.

- We are only able to accept credit card payments.
- The training fees do not include the VDACS testing fee.
- The training fees do not include study manuals.
- Other materials and refreshments are included in the fees.
- Lunch is on your own.
- Space is limited, so register now!
- We are unable to **make refunds**, but will allow substitution of personnel

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://bit.ly/2023rvacertprep>

Step 2 – Order Study Manuals:

Make sure any study manuals you have access to are the current editions.

Study manuals must be ordered from:

<https://vtp.ento.vt.edu/index/manuals.html>

ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR VIRGINIA TECH TO PROCESS AND DELIVER.

Please plan to bring your manual to the training, as we will *not* have extras.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Henrico Extension office at 804.501.5160/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

CORE

March 15 | 8:30 am–4:00 pm

8:15 am	Doors Open
8:30 am–Noon	CORE Training
Noon–1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1 pm–4 pm	CORE Continued

Current Manual Edition–2020

Category 3A

March 22 | 8:30 am–4:00 pm

8:15 am	Doors Open
8:30 am–Noon	3A Ornamental Pest Control Training
Noon–1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1 pm–4 pm	3A Continued

Current Manual Edition–2016

Category 3B

March 29 | 8:30 am–4:00 pm

8:15 am	Doors Open
8:30 am–Noon	3B Turf Pest Control Training
Noon–1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1 pm–4 pm	3A Continued

Current Manual Edition–2022

Exams

March 30 | 8:30 am–4:00 pm

8:30 am–4:00 pm	Testing
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You will be notified of your testing time(s).

Step 3 – Apply to VDACS:

To sit for a registered technician exam or certified applicator exam, you **MUST** present a letter of authorization from VDACS Office of Pesticide Services.

To determine which type of certification and find the appropriate VDACS application, check this website: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification.shtml>.

Once your VDACS application and fee have been processed by VDACS, you will receive a letter of authorization to take the exam. Plan accordingly, you should **ALLOW TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR VDACS TO PROCESS** your application.

Step 4 – Attend Training:

This is a Review Class–There is no guarantee you will pass the exam(s). Plan to study on your own.

Attend the training sessions you have registered for.

Step 5 – Take Exam(s):

Option 1:

Exams will be offered on Thursday, March 30, 2023. We will work on an exact schedule for exams *after* folks have registered and during the training sessions. Exams will be taken using paper and pencil.

Bring the Authorization to Test letter provided by VDACS *and* a government issued **photo identification**.

Option 2:

Exams may be taken on a computer at the local DMV on your own within 90 days from the date of the Authorization to Test letter.

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