

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE PESTICIDE PROGRAM



Convenience Testing for Commercial/Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has contracted with Metro Institute (Metro) to administer exams for agricultural pesticide applicator licensing. This is the same vendor that administers exams for structural pest control licensing. Metro will provide both excellent quality exam opportunities and a convenient schedule for pesticide applicators to test in several locations across the state.

STEPS TO BECOMING A COMMERCIAL/NONCOMMERCIAL/NONCOMMERCIAL POLITICAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

- **Step 1:** Contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at aes.tamu.edu or (979) 845-3849, to obtain pesticide examination study manuals.
- **Step 2:** Complete and submit an application for either a [Commercial Pesticide Applicator](#) (PA-401) or a [Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator](#) (PA-400N) and submit the license fee to TDA. These forms are available at TexasAgriculture.gov/Forms or by calling TDA at (800) 835-5832. The application is also available online at the TDA Texas Agriculture Portal: tap.texasagriculture.gov
 - Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Fee = \$200/year
 - Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator License Fee = \$140/year
 - Noncommercial Political Subdivision Pesticide Applicator License Fee = \$75/year
- **Step 3:** When the license application is processed, TDA will send the applicant a letter in the mail with their Account Number. This **Account Number** will be the number the applicator will use to register and schedule exam(s) with Metro.
- **Step 4:** Applicants can go to Metrosignup.com to schedule exams. For assistance or support call (877) 533-2900 or by email at support@metroinstitute.com.
 - An applicant must pass the General Standards exam and at least one [category](#) exam to be issued a license. The aerial category must be accompanied by at least one additional category.
 - The applicant will pay \$64 per exam.
 - There is a 24-hour waiting period to take a repeat exam.
- **Step 5:** Upon completion of the exam, the testing center will provide test results immediately. A passing grade is 70% or higher.
- **Step 6:** Metro will send exam scores to TDA daily. If all licensing criteria are met, TDA will issue the license.

Important: If an applicant has any questions about licensing or categories, please contact TDA at (800) 835-5832 or email: pesticides@TexasAgriculture.gov