

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE PESTICIDE PROGRAM



Convenience Testing for Private 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 PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

- **Step 1:** Attend a Private Pesticide Applicator training session **FIRST**. Contact your county [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension](#) office for training opportunities. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offers the Texas Private Applicator Training Course online. You will find more information at agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/texas-private-pesticide-applicator-training/01t4x000002ciNUAAY
 - Upon completion of the training, a Training Verification form (PA-404/D-1411) will be provided to the applicant. A Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of the online course.
 - 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 the application for the **Private Pesticide Applicator (PA-400P)**, \$100 license fee, and a copy of the Training Verification form. This form is 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
- **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 Private Applicator exam to be issued a license.
 - 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