

Frequently Asked Questions: Pesticide Testing

Note: Exams are offered the second Tuesday of every month and by appointment. This information is current as of October 2008. If you are using this information six months or more after this time, check current licensing info at www.prohort.net to be sure this is still current.

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Where can I find pesticide licensing information?

Hillsborough County Extension has an excellent website for pesticide licensing information including study guides, links to state websites, and CEU opportunities. See this website at www.prohort.net.

When are the exams?

The second Tuesday of every month beginning at 9 A.M. Exams may be offered at other times with exam prep classes. Appointments are also available by contacting Mary Beth Henry.

Which exams are offered?

All exams for licenses under the FDACS Bureau of Compliance Monitoring (BCM), Mosquito Control and most of the Bureau of Entomology (BEPC) exams, except the Certified Pest Control Operator exams. Hillsborough County Extension does not administer Pest Control Operator Exams.

Do I need to register?

There is no need to register in advance, however you must bring a current form of state issued identification to verify your identity.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge for most of the exams. The exceptions are the Limited exams (Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance, Limited Structural, Limited Lawn and Ornamental) which cost \$150. The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Exam also requires a six hour training class before application. Contact Mary Beth Henry for more information.

There is a charge for the license once you have passed the exam for most of these licenses: \$100 for a public license and \$250 for a commercial license. There is no license fee after passing the Limited Exams as they must be paid for before taking the exam as described above.

Where can I get the materials?

Find out which manuals are required for each exam at www.prohort.net. Manuals are available through The University of Florida Extension Bookstore at 1-800- 226-1764 or online at

<http://www.ifasbooks.ufl.edu/merchant2/merchant.mv> . Many manuals are also available for purchase by cash or check at Hillsborough County Extension. Please note we are not able to accept credit cards. If you need to use a credit card you must purchase items from the bookstore.

How long will it take to get my results?

It takes approximately **one month** to receive your exam score.

What do I have to get to pass?

BCM and Mosquito Control Exams require 70% to pass; and BEPC exams 75%. If you don't pass both the Core and category exams the first time, you have a year to pass the other exam. After one year the results of the exam you passed are void and you must retest.

How can I check my score online?

You must enter a password on your Notification of Examination Results Sheet at the time of the exam in order to use this feature. Exam scores will be posted online through the Bureau of Compliance Monitoring Website at <http://www.safepesticideuse.com/complimonitoring/index.html>. You will see selections as shown below:

- Worker Safety
- Reports
- Sun Java JVM Manual Download
- Secure Login - Providers, Exam Administrators and FDACS registered users
- Searches - CEU Class Search, Exam Score Search, Earned CEU Search, Applicator

The current system requires the user to download a program called Sun Java which is available at the above site. **You must download this program in order to use the search options of this site.**

Process:

- 1) Go to <http://www.safepesticideuse.com/complimonitoring/index.html>
- 2) Click on Sun Java JVM Manual Download to download the necessary program
- 3) Click on Searches- CEU Class Search, Exam Score Search, Earned CEU Search
- 4) Click on Exam Scores
- 5) Enter necessary information including your password.

Note: Results are posted here at the same time they are mailed, so in effect, this feature allows the applicator to find out results faster, by about the time it takes to send an envelope through the mail.

Renewing your license

An applicator may renew their license by retesting or earning Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The total number of CEUs and the interval of renewal vary among licenses. Most of the licenses must be renewed every four years, except the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance license, which must be renewed every year.

License	Total CEUs	Required Core	Required Category CEUs	Renew every
Aquatic	20	4	16	4 years
Natural Areas	20	4	16	4 years
Ornamental & Turf	16	4	12	4 years
Private	8	4	4	4 years
Right of Way	12	4	8	4 years
Limited L & O	4	Any combination of Core & Category		4 years
Limited Commercial Maintenance	4	Any combination of Core & Category		1 year