

## Licensed Exterminators

**Licensed Exterminators** can buy and apply pesticides for a commercial pesticide application business according to the restrictions of their license. If a fee is charged for a pesticide application, the applicator must be a licensed exterminator. This includes farmers who custom apply pesticides for other farmers and charge a fee for this service. Licensed Exterminators who are self-employed must hold an Operator License as well as the appropriate exterminator license. Exterminator licenses are valid for five years.

**To become a Licensed Exterminator**, you must:

- complete a home study course and certification exam through the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus and,
- send proof of certification (letter of successful completion of the exam(s)) and a fee to the Ministry of the Environment to obtain an exterminator license.

## Technicians

**Technicians** can mix, load or apply all Schedule 3, 4 and 6 pesticides and most Schedule 2 pesticides, under the indirect supervision of a Licensed Exterminator. Technicians cannot mix, load or apply Schedule 1 or 5 pesticides. Technician cards are valid for two years.

**To become a Technician**, you must:

- complete an MOE-approved academic course and exam and
- complete practical training with a Licensed Exterminator.

## Why Certification?

The purpose of certification is to ensure a sound level of competence by all commercial pesticide applicators. Professional applicators must be knowledgeable about:

- safety precautions
- proper use and handling of pesticides
- current legislation governing pesticide use
- managing pest problems through an integrated pest management approach, and
- environmental protection.

## Exterminator

If you apply pesticides commercially and you are not a Technician or Trainee, you need an exterminator licence from the MOE which authorizes you to apply pesticides according to your licence. All new exterminators are required to pass a certification exam under the new curriculum, prior to obtaining the pesticide licence from MOE.

**To become a licensed exterminator:**

- Ontario Pesticide Training and Certification ( OPT& C ) will provide you with the educational material and schedule an exam for a total cost of \$150.
- When you have successfully completed certification through OPT & C you must apply

to MOE for an exterminator's license.

## **Operator**

If you are charging for your spraying services, you must have an MOE Operator's Licence or be working for someone who holds one. For more information on your Operator's Licence, please contact the MOE Approvals Branch at 1-800-461-6290.

## **Technician**

Effective Jan. 1, 2000, unlicensed assistants working without onsite direct supervision will have to successfully complete a training program to become technicians.

Technicians can apply pesticides with specific restrictions of duties under the supervision of a licensed exterminator, who must visit once a week to observe the application.

Unlicensed assistants who do not train to become technicians must be directly supervised by licensed exterminators at all times.