



Fact Sheet

Training Requirements for Pest Management Technician Licence and Fumigator Licence

This fact sheet outlines the requirements to obtain a Pest Management Technician Licence and/or Fumigator Licence from the NSW EPA under the Pesticides Regulation 2009.

Licence types

The occupational use of pesticides and fumigants in NSW requires a Pest Management Technician licence or a Fumigator licence. These licences are issued to individuals with specific qualifications, following successful completion of the relevant core competencies and obtaining a statement of attainment (STA) issued in accordance with the national standard for licensing pest management technicians.

Pest Management Technician licence

A pest management technician licence allows for the application of pesticides to control pests within the meaning of the *Pesticides Act 1999* (Pesticides Act). Pesticides include herbicides, bactericides, baits, fungicides, insecticides, rodenticides, repellents and veterinary chemicals used for the control of animal ectoparasites.

Fumigator licence

A fumigator licence is only required for using products that contain the following fumigants:

- methyl bromide
- phosphine
- ethylene oxide (except single dose canisters)
- ethylene dichloride
- carbon disulphide
- chloropicrin
- hydrogen cyanide.

Qualifications

All persons involved in pest management and fumigation must be adequately trained to enable them to perform in a manner that is safe and without risks to their health or others in a workplace.

The applicant must be able to demonstrate they have the appropriate training relevant to the licence that is being applied for.

Pest Management Technician

To obtain an EPA licence an applicant must submit with their application evidence of the successful completion of the following core competencies within CPP07 Property Services Training Package (formerly PRM04 Asset Management Training Package):

- CPPPMT3005A Modify environment to manage pests (formerly PRMPM05B).
- CPPPMT3006A Apply pesticides to manage pests (formerly PRMPM06B).
- CPPPMT3018A Maintain equipment and chemical storage areas (formerly PRMPM18B).

If you have a current equivalent pest management technician licence issued by another state or territory and are applying under the provisions of mutual recognition then you will need to supply a copy of that licence with your application. The EPA will recognise this licence but will need to determine whether you meet the fit and proper criteria for obtaining a NSW licence.

Fumigator

To obtain an EPA licence under the current system, an applicant must submit with their application evidence of the successful completion of the following core competencies within CPP07 Property Services Training Package (formerly PRM04 Asset Management Training Package):

- CPPPMT3006A Apply pesticides to manage pests (formerly PRMPM056).
- CPPPMT3011A Conduct fumigation (formerly PRMPM11B).

If you have a current equivalent fumigator licence issued by another state or territory and are applying under the provisions of mutual recognition then you will need to supply a copy of that licence with your application. The EPA will recognise this licence but will need to determine whether you meet the fit and proper criteria for obtaining a NSW licence.

Applying for a licence

To apply for a pest management technician licence or fumigator licence the applicant must:

- be 18 years of age or older
- complete the Pest Management Technician/Fumigator Licence Application Form (www.epa.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/pest-fumigator-licence.htm)
- attach the statement of attainment or qualifications (copies) from a registered training organisation (RTO).
- attach two passport size and quality photographs to the application.

Currently applications can only be made by post and photos cannot be scanned and emailed.

Exemptions for agriculture

Farmers do not need a licence to use or apply aluminium phosphide tablets or chloropicrin fumigants in agriculture.

Note: agriculture includes horticulture, growing fruit or vegetables and the use of land for animal husbandry such as keeping or breeding livestock, poultry or bees.

Pesticide records and notification requirements

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requires agricultural, occupational and business users to keep records of their pesticide use and to notify certain clients of intended pesticide application or treatment. The EPA website has details on what information needs to be recorded in regards to pesticide usage: visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/pestrecords.htm.

For information on pest management technician notification requirements see www.epa.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/notificationsteps.htm

For enquiries, phone EPA on 131 555 or 02 9995 5555, or email hazardous.materials@epa.nsw.gov.au.

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