

# Pesticide Applicator Licensing Polk County, MN

The information and resources provided on this page are for persons wishing to obtain a license to apply pesticides in the state of Minnesota. Pesticides include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and other products intended to prevent, destroy, repel or mitigate a pest and substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) issues licenses to Commercial and Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators and Structural Pest Control Applicators. For more information go to <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx>

## How to Apply for a Commercial or Non Commercial Pesticide Applicator License

- Complete the online application at: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/e-licensing-options.aspx>
- You must pay the application fee online once you complete the application. Print out the confirmation page to bring as proof the day you take the test.

## Preparing for the Exam

- Every person must pass the Core Exam (Category A) and at least one additional category exam. Study Materials for the exams may be ordered from U of MN Bookstores Extension Publications by calling 612-627-0108 or online at <http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/viewCategory.cgi?categoryID=1011#.Vt8RFfkrJD8>
- Call 218-470-8263 to schedule the written exam.

## At the Testing Location

- Exams are given during normal business hours located at the Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN
- What to bring:
  - Confirmation of your online application and proof of payment.
  - Your driver's license or other proof of identity.

## Taking the Exam

- Exams are not timed.
- Exams are closed book and require at least 70% correct answers to pass.
- Exam questions are primarily multiple choice.
- Questions and answers will not be explained.
- A calculator is provided for use during the exam.
- No talking is allowed during the exam.
- Reference materials may not be used during the examination and cell phone use is prohibited.
- Testers are monitored and the testing session will be ended if tester fails to follow directions.

## After the Test

- The answer sheets are mailed to the St. Paul office to be scored and testers will be notified of results by mail.
- MDA mails a license ID card to successful applicants. Successful applicants will see their valid license online as soon as it is approved.
- A Fail Letter with test scores will be sent to unsuccessful applicants.