The Nebraska Department of Agriculture is now offering select pesticide applicator exams through the computer-based testing service. Pearson VUE Computer-Based Pesticide Applicator Testing Option

What testing options are available?

There are four different ways to take the Nebraska Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator exams:

- Walk-in testing sessions
- Initial certification meetings
- Pesticide industry meetings
- Pearson VUE computer-based testing

Walk-in Testing Sessions

These are open testing sessions hosted by Nebraska Department of Agriculture Pesticide Inspectors. All exams are offered at no charge from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on scheduled dates. The walk-in testing schedule can be found at www.bit.ly/NDAPPdates.

Initial Certification Meetings

These are training meetings hosted by the University of Nebraska Pesticide Safety Education Program. They provide video reviews of the study manuals prior to taking the exams. They charge $80 for the sessions on scheduled dates February through April. More information about Initial Certification meetings can be found at www.pested.unl.edu.

Pesticide Industry Meetings

These are meetings hosted by various segments of the pesticide industry that offer training and testing opportunities. A schedule of these meetings can be found at www.bit.ly/NDAPPdates.

How can I acquire a license?

Commercial and non-commercial applicators must complete and pass (70%) both the General Standards exam and a category-specific exam for each category in which they desire to become certified.

To order study materials or register online for UNL initial certification training, go to www.pested.unl.edu.

A list and descriptions of all Nebraska certification categories can be found online at www.nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/categories.pdf.

Once you are certified, the next step is to become licensed. Persons who complete commercial applicator certification requirements will be issued a billing statement from NDA for the license processing fee. Upon receipt and processing of the license fee (three to four working days), NDA will issue you a pesticide applicator license. Applicators will not be considered licensed to purchase or apply pesticides until payment for their license has been processed.

A three-year commercial pesticide applicator license is $90 and is free to non-commercial applicators. Fees are non-refundable and not prorated for less than three years.
Pearson VUE Computer-Based Testing

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has contracted with Pearson VUE to offer our most popular exams at 12 computer-based testing sites across Nebraska. They charge $55 per exam. More information about Pearson VUE testing can be found at www.bit.ly/NDAvuetest.

Exams Offered through Pearson VUE

- General Standards (00)
- Ag-Plant Pest Control (01)
- Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (04)
- Right-of-Way Pest Control (07)
- Structural/Health Related Pest Control (08)
- Wood Destroying Organisms (08W)
- Public Health Pest Control (09)
- Structural Fumigation (11)
- Aerial Pest Control (12)

Advantages of Pearson VUE

- Most testing sites are available 5-7 days a week.
- Testing sites located throughout the world can be activated to offer our exams.
- Scores are received prior to leaving the testing session.
- Failing scores generate a score report that provides percentage scores in different subject areas for each exam.

For answers to questions you may have about Pearson VUE registration and testing, please contact:

Pearson VUE
www.pearsonvue.com/ne/agriculture/contact
1-800-237-7136

For answers to other questions you may have about pesticide licensing in Nebraska, please contact:

Nebraska Department of Agriculture
www.nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide
402-471-6852