



Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation Use and Application

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Rule Background

- This program was established in 1976 to set licensing standards, pesticide labeling requirements, and processes for handling, using, and disposing of pesticides.
- This rule establishes the certification and training requirements for pesticide applicators, handlers, and dealers.
- Ensure knowledgeable and responsible handling and use of pesticides while maintaining safety protocols for people, animals, and the environment.

2025 Rulemaking Purpose

To address remaining priorities to improve customer service and meet stakeholder needs:

- Option for five-year license term
- Updates to license categories - Potato Cellar and Wood Preservative
- Lengthening sunset provisions on Commercial Apprentices
- New category for aerial drone applications

2025 Rulemaking Meetings

July 17, 2025

~21 Attendees/Participants

July 29, 2025

~19 Attendees/Participants

Productive discussions provided clarity on proposed changes w/questions centered around min/max annual credit requirements

11 comment submissions:

- Significant support of proposed updates, with recommendations of clarifying language
- Stakeholder recommendation for additional proposed language - Seminar Credit Approvals; On Site Supervision

Summary of Changes

- On Site Supervision
- Seminar Credit Approval
- Potato Cellar and Wood Preservative categories
- Category and requirements for aerial drone applicators
- Commercial Apprentice requirements with license period lengthened from 1-year to 2-year period
- Professional, Private, Chemigation, and Dealer Licenses lengthened from 2-year to 5-year period

Impact

- No negative impact on the public.
- Reflects stakeholder collaboration to simplify and clarify licensing requirements.
- Separating Idaho-specific application types and extending license periods reduces administrative burden for applicators and the state.
- Updated drone applicator requirements are expected to improve and reduce pesticide misuse.

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