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Please Read - Important Notice Regarding Applicator Exams

Effective 9/13/13, applicators, no matter when they registered for the exam, will be required to take new/revised exams. This likely will involve having to purchase additional publications because the categories were not expanded prior to 9/13/13. For some people, the "window" of when they have to pass the exam may be about to close and we feel this is unfair with the need for new study materials and additional studying that will be necessary and the window closes on them. (Please see below for category conversion.)

Any applicator whose testing application is set to expire in less than 30 days from September 16th will have their testing window extended to at least 30 days to obtain needed materials, prepare and take the exam. So if your testing window closes between September 16 and October 22, it will be extended to October 23.

The new exams were created by combining questions from the old exams. In addition there are new questions that relate to the new Laws and Rules. We have posted the draft of the rules to go along with the previously posted laws under flash. (<http://www.sb.state.az.us/index.php>). On September 13th we will post the final rules, any changes that occur will be minimal.

If anyone has questions regarding these issues, please contact the licensing section at 602-542-3578

The Ornamental & Turf Category has been expanded to include weeds, while the Right-of-Way Category has been expanded to include other pests that may occur in the ROW setting.

All qualifying parties are CQAs. A CQA is considered a qualifying party when they qualify a business.

Between now and March 30, 2014, we encourage BLs to register applicators at no cost via the OPM's website tool "MyOPM – for businesses". (Registering in advance will make it easier at renewal time.) At renewal time BLs will pay the fee for registration of or registration renewal of their applicators (both Certified and Uncertified).

CATEGORY CONVERSION – *See A.R.S 32-2312 and R4-29-102*

APPLICATORS → CERTIFIED APPLICATOR (CA)

AND

QUALIFYING PARTY → CERTIFIED QUALIFIED APPLICATOR (CQA)

B1 - General and Public Health Pest Management	▶	Industrial & Institutional (Category 1)
B2 - Management of Wood-Destroying Insects	▶	Wood-Destroying Organism Treatment (Category 2a) AND Wood Preservation (Category 7)
B3 - Right-of-Way & Weed Management	▶	Ornamental & Turf (Category 3) AND Right-of-Way (Category 4)
B4 - Fumigation	▶	Fumigation (Category 6)
B5 - Turf & Ornamental Horticulture Pest Management	▶	Ornamental & Turf (Category 3)
B8 - Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection	▶	Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection (Category 2b)
B9 - Aquatic Pest Management	▶	Aquatic (Category 5)

B6 – Antimicrobial Pest Management-----N/A (no longer a certification category)

B7 – Fungi Inspection-----N/A (no longer a certification category)