How Do I Obtain a South Dakota Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Through Reciprocity?

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The process for **Requesting Reciprocity** with South Dakota, for an applicator that has *tested* in AND has a *current* commercial Applicator License from any

of the six states adjoining South Dakota (*Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Wyoming*), is to submit (*to the e-mail or mailing address below*) the following three items for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources to review:

[] A picture or scan of a completed <u>S.D. Commercial Pesticide Applicator and/or Dealer License Application</u>

[] A picture or scan of the applicant's current commercial applicator license from an adjoining state

[] A COLOR picture/scan of the applicant's current government-issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, or etc.)

After the applicant's <u>CERTIFICATION</u> categories have been verified by the adjoining state, and the applicant's categories are transferred (*copied*) to their South Dakota commercial applicator record, the applicant will be notified (*by e-mail*) that the request has been granted. At that point the applicant would be eligible to submit payment for a South Dakota commercial pesticide **Applicator** <u>LICENSE</u> (*which is what will make it legal for them to apply pesticides commercially, for compensation, in South Dakota*) and instructions about how to submit the \$35 **Applicator** <u>LICENSE</u> fee will be provided.

NOTE: This process can take up to 14 days from the time a suitable request is received, as South Dakota does contact the adjoining state to verify that the applicant *tested in that state* AND that their <u>CERTIFICATION</u> & <u>LICENSE</u> are currently in 'good standing'.

MAINTENANCE: Commercial <u>CERTIFICATION</u> in South Dakota is valid for *UP TO* two years at a time (corresponding to the expiration date of the applicator's license used for reciprocity) and a South Dakota commercial **Applicator** <u>LICENSE</u> is paid for two years at a time. CLARIFICATION: Even if an applicant's <u>LICENSE</u> is paid, it is only valid if the applicator's <u>CERTIFICATION</u> categories are also current in South Dakota.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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