

## Explanation of the South Dakota Commercial Pesticide CERTIFICATION Categories

(For further clarification contact the South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources,  
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- G. **General**. The classification of general is the *core* exam that all commercial pesticide APPLICATORS (and commercial pesticide DEALERS) must pass to be eligible for a South Dakota commercial license. Note: Commercial pesticide APPLICATORS must also pass any other category exams that pertain to the pesticide applications they will be making in South Dakota:
- 1A. **Agricultural plant pest control - Herbicides**. The classification agricultural plant pest control shall include commercial applicators using herbicides on lands used in the production of agricultural crops, including but not limited to feed grains, soybeans, forage, vegetables, small fruits, and nuts, as well as on grasslands and non-crop agricultural lands.
  - 1B. **Agricultural plant pest control - Insecticides**. The classification of agricultural plant pest control shall include commercial applicators using insecticides on lands used in the production of agricultural crops, including but not limited to feed grains, soybeans, forage, vegetables, small fruits, and nuts, as well as on grasslands and non-crop agricultural lands.
  - 1C. **Agricultural plant pest control - Fungicides**. The classification of agricultural plant pest control shall include commercial applicators using fungicides on lands used in the production of agricultural crops, including but not limited to feed grains, soybeans, forage, vegetables, small fruits, and nuts, as well as on grasslands and non-crop agricultural lands.
  2. **Agricultural animal pest control**. The classification agricultural animal pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides on animals, including but not limited to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, goats, poultry and other livestock, and to places on or in which animals are confined.
  3. **Forest pest control**. The classification forest pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides in forests, forest nurseries and forest seed producing areas.
  4. **Ornamental and turf pest control**. The classification ornamental and turf pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers and turf.
  5. **Seed treatment**. The classification seed treatment shall include commercial applicators using pesticides on seeds.
  6. **Aquatic pest control**. The classification aquatic pest control shall include commercial application of pesticides applied to standing or running water. Excluding commercial applicators engaged in public health related activities.

7. **Right-of-way pest control**. The classification right-of-way pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides in the maintenance of right-of-ways, including but not limited to public roads, electric power lines, pipelines, railway rights-of-way.
8. **Industrial, institutional, structural and health related pests**. The classification shall include commercial applicators using pesticides in, on or around food handling establishments. Human dwellings, institutions including but not limited to schools and hospitals, industrial establishments including but not limited to warehouses, grain elevators, adjacent structures and areas public or private, and for the protection of stored, processed or manufactured products.
9. **Public health pest control**. The classification public health pest control shall include commercial applicators and state, federal or other governmental employees using pesticides in public health programs for the management or control of pests having medical public health importance.
10. **Regulatory pest control**. The classification regulatory pest control shall include commercial applicators and state, federal or other governmental employees using pesticides in the control of regulated pests under state or federal quarantine with the exception of noxious weeds. NO EXAM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
11. **Demonstration pest control**. The classification demonstration pest control shall include persons who demonstrate to the public the proper use and methods of application of pesticides. Excluding those compounds and formulations covered by experimental permit. NO EXAM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
12. **Rodent and bird pest control**. The classification rodent and bird pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides in the control of rodents or birds. Excluding commercial applicators engaged in control of rodents or birds in structures.
13. **Predator pest control**. The classification predator pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides in the control of predators. TESTER NEEDS TO CONTACT THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE TO TAKE THIS EXAM AND THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIRED.
14. **Grain fumigation pest control**. The classification grain fumigation pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides on stored grain or grain in transit.
15. **Wood preservative pest control**. The classification wood preservative pest control shall include commercial applicators using pesticides on wood products.
16. **Livestock protection collar**. REPEALED 2015
17. **Aerial**. The classification shall include application of pesticides with an aircraft. (This is NOT a standalone category. Aerial applicators must hold additional categories such as 1A, 1B, 1C, etc.)