

Illinois Pesticide Act, 415 ILCS 60 - Definitions

7. "Certified applicator".

A. "Certified applicator" means any individual who is

certified under this Act to purchase, use, or supervise the use of pesticides which are classified for restricted use.

B. "Private applicator" means a certified applicator

who purchases, uses, or supervises the use of any pesticide classified for restricted use, for the purpose of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned, rented, or otherwise controlled by him or his employer, or applied to other property if done without compensation other than trading of personal services between no more than 2 producers of agricultural commodities.

C. "Licensed Commercial Applicator" means a certified

applicator, whether or not he is a private applicator with respect to some uses, who owns or manages a business that is engaged in applying pesticides, whether classified for general or restricted use, for hire. The term also applies to a certified applicator who uses or supervises the use of pesticides, whether classified for general or restricted use, for any purpose or on property of others excluding those specified by subparagraphs 7 (B), (D), (E) of Section 4 of this Act.

24. "Licensed Operator" means a person employed to apply pesticides to the lands of others under the direction of a "licensed commercial applicator" or a "licensed commercial not-for-hire applicator".

USEPA Standards for Certification of Commercial Applicators

The federal regulations require commercial applicators to show practical knowledge of:

- core pesticide use and safety; and
- at least one specific category (type/site) of application.

For core pesticide use and safety, commercial applicators must show practical knowledge of:

- Pesticide label and labeling comprehension.
- Safety, including pesticide hazards, first aid, personal protective equipment and emergency response.
- Pesticides in the environment.
- Pest identification and management.
- Pesticide formulations.
- Pesticide application equipment and application techniques.
- Laws and regulations.