Iowa Applicator Pesticide Certification

To schedule:

1. Schedule your appointment at https://ihcc.edu/schedulemytest
2. Pay for the Pesticide test at https:/ihcc.edu/payformytest
   a. Log in or create a new profile.
   b. Click Browse>> Merchandise>> Testing Center>>Pesticide

- You must register a student account prior to testing at https://www.quia.com/web.

About the test:

- Beginning January 2026, the test is now online. No paper testing or review is allowed.
- Beginning January 2026 to certify as a Pesticide Handler you must take Iowa Core exam
- All tests are multiple choice. Core is 50 questions and most other tests are 35 questions.
- Calculators are allowed. The tester will be given scratch paper and a pencil.
- Retesting/ Tester cannot retest the same test on the same day. Also, the 3O and 3OT cannot be taken on the same day.
- You must bring your username/password created at https://www.quia.com/web on test day!

Accommodation:

- The tester needs to contact the Bureau Chief at 515-281-8591 and request accommodation. Testers will need to provide documentation of the accommodation needed. The Department of Agriculture will approve or deny the accommodation request.

After the test:

- After a passing score, the Testing Center will complete the Verification of Commercial or Private Applicator Certification form for your records.
- Apply for certification on the Self-Service Portal for License and Registration: https://iowaagriculture.force.com/pesticideapplicator/s/login/
- A pesticide applicator certification is not active until all paperwork and fees are in possession of IDALS.
- If you do not have Internet access, mail your application and payment to: IDALS Pesticide Bureau, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0051

Questions:

- Contact IDALS at 515-281-5321 or online at https://iowaagriculture.gov/contact?field_first_name_value=&field_last_name_value=&field_bureau_multiple_target_id=18&field_county_target_id=All

Find out more at: https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/applicator-licensing-certification

Study guides: https://store.extension.iastate.edu/topic/crops/pesticide-safety-education-program?s=5&a=0&f=0

Testing offered:

Certification Tests	ISU Study Materials	Category	Certification Tests	ISU Study Materials	Category
Core	CS 0445	C	5 Aquatic Pest Control	CS 0017	5
H Handler	CS 0500	H	6 Right-of-Way	CS 0018	6
Private	CS 0001	P	7A General & Household	CS 0019	7A
Private - Fumigation	CS 0027	PF	7B Termite Pest Control	CS 0020	7B
1A agriculture Weed Control	CS 0009	1A	7C Fumigation	CS 0027	7C
1B agriculture Insect Control	CS 0010	1B	7D Community Insect	CS 0022	7D
1C agriculture Crop Disease	CS 0011	1C	7E Wood Preservatives	CS 0028	7E
1D Fruit & Vegetable	CS 0012	1D	7F Antifouling Paints	CS 0029	7F
1E Animal Pest Control	CS 0013	1E	8 Public Health	CS 0023	8
2 Forest Pest Control	CS 0014	2	9 Regulatory	CS 0024	9
3OT Ornamental & Turf	CS 0015A	3OT	10 Demonstration/Research	CS 0025	10
3T Turf	CS 0015A	3T	11 Aerial (Full)	CS 0026 + Core, 1A, 1B, 1C	11 (full)
3O Ornamental	CS 0015A	3O	11 Aerial (Reciprocal)	CS 0026	11 (recip)
3G Greenhouse	CS 0015B	3G	12 Soil Fumigation	CS 0030	12
4 Seed Treatment	CD 0016	4			