



## INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR LICENSES

Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.25

### Who needs a license?

A [certified pesticide applicator](#) must have a license to use or direct the use of:

1. Any pesticide as an independent contractor for hire, or as an employee of an independent contractor for hire.
2. A restricted-use pesticide.

Commercial applicators must be 16 years old.

Individual licenses are valid for one calendar year, January 1 through December 31, and are not transferable. Applicators shall carry their license when involved in commercial pesticide work.

Apply for an individual license either by:

- 1) Submitting an electronic application and payment at <https://mydatcp.wi.gov/>  
OR
- 2) Mailing a completed paper application form and fee. The license application form is available at: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses\\_Permits/CommercialApplicator.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/CommercialApplicator.aspx)

Do not commercially use pesticides until the license is issued.

Applicators should inform DATCP of address changes that occur during the license period.

### Are there any exemptions for the individual license?

Yes, a license is not required for any of the following:

1. A health practitioner who uses or directs the use of a pesticide as part of a medical treatment which that practitioner is licensed to provide in this state.
2. A veterinarian affiliated with a veterinary clinic whose operator holds a permit under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.23, who uses or directs the use of a pesticide as part of a veterinary treatment which the veterinarian is licensed to provide in this state.
3. An animal technician affiliated with a veterinary clinic whose operator holds a permit under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.23, who uses a pesticide as part of veterinary treatment which that technician is certified to provide under Wis. Stats. § Ch. 453.
4. A laboratory researcher who uses or directs the use of pesticides only in the laboratory as part of a bona fide laboratory research project.
5. An individual who only uses or directs the use of germicides, sanitizers or disinfectants.
6. An employee of a pesticide application business licensed under Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.20, who applies pesticides only to property owned or controlled by that pesticide application business, and who applies no restricted-use pesticides.

