

Florida’s Plant Pesticide Applicators Exams, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Study Materials

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Category Exams & Chapter	License Duration (years)	CEUs Required for Recertification	Study Materials
General Certification Standards (Core)-487*	N/A	N/A	SM 1
Aerial-487	4	20 total: 16 Aerial & 4 CORE	SM 41
Agricultural Row Crop-487	4	12 total: 8 Ag Row Crop & 4 Core	SM 5
Agricultural Tree Crop-487	4	12 total: 8 Ag Tree Crop & 4 Core	SM 63
Aquatic-487	4	20 total: 16 Aquatic & 4 Core	SM 3
Demonstration & Research-487	4	8 total: 4 Demo & 4 Core	SM 359
Forest Pest Control-487	4	12 total: 8 Forestry & 4 Core	SM 43
Natural Areas Weed Management-487	4	20 total: 16 Natural Area & 4 Core	SP 257, SP 295
Ornamental & Turf (O&T)-487	4	16 total: 12 O&T & 4 Core	SM 7
Private Applicator Agriculture-487	4	8 total: 4 Private Applicator & 4 Core	SM 53
Public Health Pest Control-388	4	16 total: All Public Health Control	SP 318, Public Health Manual
Regulatory Pest Control-487	4	16 total: 12 Regulatory & 4 Core	Reg. Manual
Right-of-Way (R-O-W)-487	4	12 total: 8 R-O-W & 4 Core	SM 9
Commercial Pest Control Operator (PCO) Lawn & Ornamental (L&O)-482	1	4 total: 2 Commercial L&O & 2 Core	Ch. 482, Ch. 5E14**, SM 1, SM 7, SP 45
Limited Certification Commercial Landscape Management-482	1	4 total: Category and/or Core	SM 1, SM 7, SP 114, Ch 482, Ch.5E14
Limited Certification Lawn & Ornamental (L&O)-482	4	4 total: Category and/or Core	SM 1, Ch 482, Ch. 5E-14, SM 7, FL BMP***

*The Core exam is a co-requisite for the 487 exams listed.

**5E14 Rules may be obtained from FDACS at (850) 617-7997

*** Florida Friendly Best Management Practices (BMP) for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries

License Expirations

For 482 and 487 the license expires on the date printed on the card. The applicator cannot, under any circumstances, apply pesticide after the expiration date unless a new license is issued.

For 487 there is a 60-day grace period for an applicator to renew his or her license after the expiration date without being charged a late fee. After 60 days, but within one year of license expiration, the applicator will be charged a late fee of \$50 and will not need to retest. However, one year or more after the expiration date, the individual will be required to retake both the Core and category exams. An applicator with an expired license may not apply restricted use pesticides during the grace period.

Important Contacts

Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement, Chapter 487 (850) 617-7870

Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement, Chapter 482 (850) 617-7997

Webpage: [www/FreshFromFlorida.com](http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com)

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