



Pesticide Program Update 2020

With the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting many programs throughout the State of Texas there have been many changes to several programs in Texas, most notably, the pesticide programs offered through TDA and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The following are various changes, updates, and options for licensing, trainings, and CEU opportunities over the next several months. If you have any questions, contact your County Extension Agent and stay current on the rules as they may change after the COVID-19 crisis comes to an end.

Private Pesticide Applicator License Training

At this time all Private Applicator License trainings are encouraged to take place online. All Face-to-Face programs are strongly discouraged. You can go online to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension e-learning website and take the Private Pesticide Applicator License Training at:

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGCH-015>

Detailed instructions of the process for acquiring a license can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/aes/how-to-obtain-a-private-applicator-license/> If you have any questions contact your County Extension Agent. Unfortunately, the company that administers the exams, PSI Exams Online is currently closed until at least April 13th due to COVID-19. Therefore, you can take the training but cannot test for your license. It may still be a good idea to get the training and start the paperwork before PSI resumes work.

Auxin Trainings

Much like the Private Applicator Training, the State mandated Auxin Training (2,4-D and dicamba) is also being offered online. As most of you know, this training is mandatory every year for anyone applying 2,4-D or dicamba over Enlist or XtendiMax cotton. The training may be taken at:

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGCH-001>

Applicator License Renewal

According to TDA "Licensed applicators with expiring licenses or needing CEU's will be allowed to renew their license even if they have not met their CEU requirement for their current licensing period through December 31, 2020. Due to the restrictions of meetings in place by the Governor and many cities, many CEU events have been canceled. The TDA will work to insure all the state's pesticide applicators are able to acquire their licenses and required continuing education courses in a safe and effective manner during this time frame. Once the restrictions have been lifted and courses are scheduled again, **applicators will be required to obtain their required CEUs for their respective license classification for each licensing period.**

CEU's

Many CEU programs will be offered online through various counties both live and recorded, check with your local agent about availability.

For questions regarding license renewal, you can contact TDA at: 1-877-542-2474.