



Remove the Confusion of Pesticide Licensing

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Commercial Horticulture and Agriculture Safety Agents provide pesticide applicator license training, examinations, and continuing education. There are 33 different pesticide license categories governed by two FDACS sections and three Florida statutes. For the layman, the licensing structure can be confusing and often the client base and new agents are confused as to which FDACS section administers each license, the Florida statute governing each license, who administers the exam, the initial license fee and renewal fee, the number of CEUs required to renew a license, and which license the client needs. The objective of this project was to develop a streamlined visual approach to increase the efficiency of assisting clients and new agents in determining licensing information. The methodology was to develop an

organizational chart format that provides a visual description of the FDACS sections, state statute authority, license types, costs, renewal and CEU requirements for each license type.

RESULTS. This publication provides a clear, easy-to-follow, and time-saving method for assessing pesticide applicator license information. Additionally, it serves to enhance Extension agent professionalism and efficiency. This approach enhances the agent's understanding of pesticide applicator licensing and ability to educate the industry professional in a visual manner.

APPLICATION. This format can be utilized by agents statewide to clarify pesticide license requirements. The format contains a lot of information and requires a basic knowledge of pesticide licensing in Florida.