

PEST CONTROL AIRCRAFT PILOT CERTIFICATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Do you need this certificate? You must possess a Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Pest Control Aircraft Pilot Certificate if you operate an aircraft to conduct pest control in California (Food and Agricultural Code section 11901). Example: pilots employed by a licensed Pest Control Business, pilots employed by vector control agencies or districts, and pilots who do pest control on their own property (private applicators¹).

Dealer designated agent privilege Under this certificate you may also act as a licensed Pest Control Dealer Designated Agent, which allows you to actively supervise operations at one Pest Control Dealer location.

Basic certification requirements The following table illustrates the basic requirements for this certificate:

For...	Requirements include...
Apprentice pilots (entry-level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting the application and appropriate fees (FAC section 11903 and 11502.5[b]) • Submitting proof of a valid Commercial Pilot’s Certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), or if spraying your own property, a valid FAA Private Pilot Certificate (FAC section 11901) • Submitting proof of a current FAA medical certificate (FAC section 11901) • Passing required exams (see Examinations section).
Journeyman pilots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting the application and appropriate fees (FAC section 11903 and 11502.5[b]) • Submitting proof of a valid Commercial Pilot’s Certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), or if spraying your own property, a valid FAA Private Pilot Certificate (FAC section 11901) • Submitting proof of a current FAA medical certificate (FAC section 11901) • Submitting the Pest Control Aircraft Pilot Statement of Supervision of Apprentice by Journeyman form (PR-PML-010) • Passing required exams (see Examinations section). • Certified as an Apprentice Pilot for at least 1 year with at least 150 hours in a fixed-wing aircraft or at least 50 hours in a helicopter applying pesticides while supervised by a certified Journeyman Pilot. (FAC section 11907)

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¹ An individual who uses or supervises the use of pesticides to produce an agricultural commodity on property owned, leased, or rented by him/her or his/her employer; OR a householder who uses or supervises the use of a pesticide outside a residential dwelling to control ornamental, plant or turf pests on residential property owned, leased, or rented by that householder.

Examinations **Apprentice Pilot Certificate:**
You must pass the Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles and Apprentice Pilot Certificate examinations with scores of 70 percent or higher to obtain the Apprentice Pilot Certificate.

Journeyman Pilot Certificate:
You must pass the Journeyman Pilot Certificate examination with a score of 70 percent or higher to obtain the Journeyman Pilot Certificate. You may take the Journeyman exam after one year as a certified Apprentice Pilot.

Exam schedule/processing time The DPR Exam Schedule is posted on DPR’s web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/liccert.htm. Your application must be postmarked by the final filing date listed in the examination schedule in order for your requested month, location, and type of examination(s) to be processed.

Preparing for examinations To prepare for the examination, you should read the appropriate study materials listed on the Suggested Study Material Source List included in this packet. Many of the study materials have practice test questions at the end of each chapter that can help you evaluate whether you know the material well enough to pass the exam. For some categories, DPR has Knowledge Expectations on our web site that outline the type of information you will be expected to know when you take the examination.

Application fee The application fee is \$60 for this certificate (Title 3 of California Code of Regulations [3 CCR], section 6502). This fee allows an applicant a 12 month period to become certified.

Examination fees The examination fee is \$50 (3 CCR section 6505) for each examination requested, including:

- adding categories; and
- rescheduling due to failure to appear or obtain a passing score.

Second-year fee notice If you pass the required examinations you may receive a Second-year Fee Notice. If you receive this notice, it means that in order to issue your 2-year certificate an additional \$45 is required. The 2- year cycles are illustrated in the table below.

If your last name begins with...	Then your certificate will...
A through L	Expire on December 31 of even-numbered years (e.g. 2018, 2020, 2022, etc.)
M through Z	Expire on December 31 of odd numbered years (e.g. 2017, 2019, 2021, etc.)

Valid licenses and certificates List of valid licenses and certificates may be viewed at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/currlic.htm.

Certificate duration	Refer to the table on the previous page for your certificate expiration date.
Once you become certified	If you are an Apprentice Pilot, you can only conduct pest control activities under the direct supervision of a Journeyman Pilot.
County registration	Before you conduct any work, you must register with the County Agricultural Commissioner's office in each county that you intend to perform pest control. Most counties require a fee for registration, which covers one calendar year. For a list of county registration fees, please go to our web site at: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/liccert.htm .
Continuing education	Once you pass the examination(s) and receive your certificate, you must accumulate a determined amount of approved continuing education (CE) hours. DPR will inform you of the number of approved CE hours you are required to complete ² . After your first renewal, you are required to accumulate at least 20 hours of approved CE every two years before your certificate expires. At least four of the 20 hours must cover the category of pesticide laws and regulations and at least four hours must cover aerial pest control equipment and application techniques (3 CCR section 6511). DPR will send you a renewal notice, which will remind you of the number of hours required in each CE category. For more information, you can find the following on our web site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CE requirements: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/conted.htm• DPR-approved CE courses: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/classes.htm
Renewal fee	The renewal fee is \$90 for the 2-year cycle (3 CCR section 6502).
Late renewal fee	A late fee of 50 percent of the total renewal fee will be charged for each license or certificate postmarked after December 31 of your expiration year.

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² Some new certificate holders may require fewer CE hours for their first renewal depending on when the certificate was issued. The number of required CE hours will be specified on your transmittal card when you receive your new certificate.

Miscellaneous fees

The following chart lists possible miscellaneous fees.

Type	Amount	Details
Name change	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must immediately notify the Licensing and Certification Program in writing (3 CCR section 6508). • You must submit legal documents certifying the name change. • A new license will be automatically issued for all name changes. • The <i>Address Change/Name Change/Replacement Card Form</i> is available on our web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/lcforms.htm
Address change	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must immediately notify the Licensing and Certification Program in writing (3 CCR section 6508). • This fee is only required if you request a new license. • The <i>Address Change/Name Change/Replacement Card Form</i> is available on our web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/lcforms.htm
Duplicate	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fee applies to requests for a duplicate or replacement license. • The <i>Address Change/Name Change/Replacement Card Form</i> is available on our web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/lcforms.htm

Name and/or address change fees are waived when adding a pest control category or at renewal.

Common mistakes

The most common application errors are:

- incorrect fees;
- missing the final filing date; and
- not specifying your preferred month, location, and type of examination(s).

You can avoid these errors by reading the application instructions carefully and by mailing your application **before** the final filing date.

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**Our physical
address**

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