


**SUGGESTED STUDY MATERIAL SOURCE LIST**  
Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC)

Studying the suggested study material can make the difference between passing and failing Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) QAC examinations. The examinations are based on the study materials listed below. Options for obtaining the study material include purchasing, viewing or downloading from the web, and borrowing from public or college libraries. Some University of California (UC) Extension/Farm Advisor offices sell the material. Instructions for obtaining study material are found on page 8.

**PRIMARY STUDY MATERIAL**


**Examination Title:**

**Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles of Safe and Effective Pesticide Use (Core Exam)**

Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles of Safe and Effective Pesticide Use (Core exam).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_r.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_r.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Laws and Regulations Study Guide, Second Edition.</u> A.R. Gallo, 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/laws_regs_study_guide.pdf">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/laws_regs_study_guide.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> University of California Integrated Pest Management (UC IPM) Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>


**Examination Title:**

**Residential, Industrial, and Institutional (Category A)**


Study Material	Source
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Residential, Industrial, and Institutional (Category A).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_a.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_a.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control, Second Edition.</u> P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

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**Examination Title:  
Landscape Maintenance (Category B)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Landscape Maintenance (Category B).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_b.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_b.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Landscape Maintenance Pest Control.</u> P.J. O’Connor-Marer, 2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>


**Examination Title:  
Right-of-Way (Category C)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Right-of-Way Pest Control (Category C).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_c.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_c.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control.</u> S.H. Dreistadt, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Plant Agriculture (Category D)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Plant Agriculture (Category D).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_d.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_d.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Forest (Category E)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Forest Pest Control (Category E).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_e.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_e.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Forest and Right-of-Way Pest Control.</u> S.H. Dreistadt, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

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**Examination Title:  
Aquatic (Category F)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Aquatic Pest Control</u> . P.J. O'Connor-Marer and K.K. Garvey, 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>


**Examination Title:  
Regulatory (Category G)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC), Division 6, Division 7, &amp; Division 13.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPR, online: <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=FAC&amp;tocTitle=+Food+and+Agricultural+Code+--+FAC">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=FAC&amp;tocTitle=+Food+and+Agricultural+Code+--+FAC</a></li> </ul>
<u>Plant Quarantine Manual.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDFA, online: <a href="http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/pqm/manual/htm/pqm_index.htm">http://pi.cdfa.ca.gov/pqm/manual/htm/pqm_index.htm</a></li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Seed Treatment (Category H)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Seed Treatment</u> . E.L. Foland, Kansas State University, 1997.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Animal Agriculture (Category I)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage</u> . S.E. Hygnstrom, R.M. Timm, and G.E. Larson, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, 1994.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online: <a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook">http://icwdm.org/handbook</a></li> </ul>

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**Examination Title:  
Demonstration and Research (Category J)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Demonstration and Research (Category J).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_j.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_cat_j.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Demonstration and Research Uses of Pesticides.</u> D. Clarke, 2003.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>Laws and Regulations Study Guide, Second Edition.</u> A.R. Gallo, 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/laws_regs_study_guide.pdf">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/laws_regs_study_guide.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Division 6, Sections 6260, 6261, 6262, 6263, 6264, 6266, 6268, 6270, 6272, 6602, 6618, 6619, 6761.1</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter_.htm">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter_.htm</a></li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Health Related (Category K)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Pest Control, Second Edition.</u> P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>Additional website information that may be helpful.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/factshts/epadoc.htm">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/factshts/epadoc.htm</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/mosquitofarm12.html">www.ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/mosquitofarm12.html</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/r7600211.html">www.ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/r7600211.html</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/">www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol">www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.epa.gov/reducing-pesticide-drift/introduction-pesticide-drift">www.epa.gov/reducing-pesticide-drift/introduction-pesticide-drift</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/Module05.pdf">www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/Module05.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations/documents/catbiologyandcontrolofmosquitoesinca.pdf">www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations/documents/catbiologyandcontrolofmosquitoesinca.pdf</a></li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Wood Preservation (Category L)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Wood Preservation.</u> P.J. O'Connor-Marer and M. Grimes, 1992.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

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**Examination Title:  
Antifouling Paints or Coatings Containing Tributyltin (Category M)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Certification Training for Safe Handling and Use of Antifouling Paints Containing Tributyltin (TBT)</u> . National Paint and Coatings Association revised 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio.gov, online: <a href="http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaprs/pest_study/mat/pest_study.aspx">http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaprs/pest_study/mat/pest_study.aspx</a></li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 6488 Antifouling Paints or Coatings Containing Tributyltin.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020404.htm#a6488">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020404.htm#a6488</a></li> </ul>
<u>Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 6489 Tributyltin Paint and/or Coating Additives.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR online: <a href="http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020404.htm#6489">http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/020404.htm#6489</a></li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Sewer Line Root Control (Category N)**


<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Sewer Line Root Control</u> . P.J. Marer, 1996.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/sewrline.pdf">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/sewrline.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Field Fumigation (Category O)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Field Fumigation Pest Control (Category O)</u> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_su_bcat_o.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_su_bcat_o.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Field Fumigation Study Guide</u> . S. Cohen and T.A. Martin, 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>
<u>Addendum to the Field Fumigation Study Guide</u> . DPR, 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/fieldfum_study_guide_addendum.pdf">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/pubs/fieldfum_study_guide_addendum.pdf</a></li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition</u> . UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

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**Examination Title:  
Microbial Pest Control (Category P)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Microbial Pest Control (Subcategory P).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_p.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_p.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Microbial Pest Control Study Guide.</u> P.J. O'Connor-Marer, 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_p.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_p.pdf</a></li> <li>DPR, see page 8.</li> </ul>
 <u>The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition.</u> UC IPM Program, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Examination Title:  
Maintenance Gardener (Category Q)**

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
<u>Knowledge Expectations: Maintenance Gardener Pest Control (Subcategory Q).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_q.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/knowledge_subcat_q.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>University of California IPM – Maintenance Gardener Exam Preparation Help Page</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, online: <a href="http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/categoryq">http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/categoryq</a></li> </ul>
<u>Lawn and Residential Landscape Pest Control: A Guide for Maintenance Gardeners.</u> S. Cohen, M.L. Flint, and N. Hine, 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, see page 8.</li> </ul>

**Título de Examen:  
Jardinero de Mantenimiento (Subcategoría Q)**

<b>Material de Estudio</b>	<b>Fuente</b>
<u>Lista de Expectativas de Conocimientos para la licencia de certificado de aplicador de pesticidas para jardineros de mantenimiento (Subcategoría Q).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, en línea: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/spanish/knowledge_subcat_q_sp.pdf">www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/studymat/spanish/knowledge_subcat_q_sp.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<u>Página de ayuda de preparación de examen de control de plagas de jardinero de mantenimiento.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, en línea: <a href="http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/categoryq/indexsp.html">http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/categoryq/indexsp.html</a></li> </ul>
<u>Control de plagas para césped y jardines residenciales: Una guía para jardineros de mantenimiento.</u> S. Cohen, M.L. Flint, and N. Hine, 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC, ver la página 8.</li> </ul>

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**SUPPLEMENTAL QAC EXAMS STUDY MATERIAL**

The QAC examinations are based on the primary suggested study material. It is highly recommended that the primary materials be studied to prepare for the examinations. The supplemental study material listed below *may* offer some additional help.

<b>Study Material</b>	<b>Source</b>
Qualified Applicator Certificate Application Packet	• DPR online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/qac.htm">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/qac.htm</a>
California Food and Agricultural Code, Divisions 6, 7, and 13.	• DPR, online: <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=FAC">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codesTOCSelected.xhtml?tocCode=FAC</a>
Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Division 6.	• DPR, online: <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter_.htm">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter_.htm</a>
<u>Harvest Aid Materials and Practices for California Cotton</u> . R.B. Hutmacher, R.N. Vargas, S.D. Wright, and B.A. Roberts, 2003.	• UC, online: <a href="http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/4043e.pdf">http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/4043e.pdf</a>
<u>Herbicide Handbook of the Weed Science, Society of America 7<sup>th</sup> Edition</u> . The Weed Science Society of America, 1994.	• Book sellers • Libraries
<u>IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition</u> . M.L. Flint, 2012.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Landscape Pest Identification Cards</u> . L. Strand, 2009.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Control</u> . M.L. Flint and S.H. Dreistadt, 1998.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Pests of Landscape Trees and Shrubs</u> . S.H. Dreistadt, 2004.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Plant Growth Regulators, Revised Edition</u> . University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources, 2003.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Plants Indoors: Selections for Various Environmental Conditions</u> . Tokuji Furuta, 1976.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Weeds of California and Other Western States</u> . J.M. DiTomaso and E. A. Healy, 2007.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Principles of Weed Control, Fourth Edition</u> . California Weed Science Society, 2014.	• UC, see page 8.
<u>Weeds of the West, New Revised Edition</u> . Western Society of Weed Science, 2012.	• UC, see page 8. • Book sellers. • Libraries.
<u>Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes, Second Edition</u> . T.P. Salmon, 2006.	• UC, see page 8.

**OBTAINING STUDY MATERIALS from the  
University of California and the Department of Pesticide Regulation**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

1. Order UC publications:
  - a. Online: [www.anrcatalog.ucanr.edu](http://www.anrcatalog.ucanr.edu),
  - b. By phone: (800) 994-8849 or (510) 665-2195; or
  - c. Contact the local University of California Cooperative Extension/County Farm Advisor office.
2. Contact information for University of California, Agriculture & Natural Resources publications:  
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University of California, Agriculture & Natural Resources  
1301 S. 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Richmond, CA 94804  
(800) 994-8849 or (510) 665-2195.

**DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION**

1. Order DPR publications by mail:
  - a. Complete the Video/Publication Order Form, available at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/dpr003.pdf>, or
  - b. Complete a hand-written request **including** the DPR publication number(s), found in the order form.
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