

Frequently Asked Questions Related to Executive Order 2020-52

Q: Does Executive Order 2020-52 temporarily waive any other part of Michigan's Pesticide Law?

A: No. The order only extends the expiration date of credentials that expired on December 31, 2019. All other parts of the law and corresponding regulations remain in place.

Q: Does Executive Order 2020-52 allow non-certified or non-registered commercial applicators to make pesticide applications under the supervision of a certified applicator?

A: No. The order only extends the expiration date of credentials that expired on December 31, 2019.

Q: What happens to my credential 60 days after termination of the state of emergency under section 3 of Executive Order 2020-33?

A: 60 days after the state of emergency order is canceled, your credential expires, and you are no longer certified.

Q: How do I renew my credential after the state of emergency is terminated?

A: You will need to take all applicable exams necessary to normally renew your credential.

Q: How will I take an exam?

A: Once the state of emergency is terminated, MDARD expects to resume certification exam administration. The department recognizes that many applying will need to take exams during the 60 days following the termination of the state of emergency and plans to significantly increase exam capacity. MDARD also anticipates that Metro Institute will resume computer-based testing where possible.

Q: Will my three-year certification cycle change?

A: No. Your cycle will remain the same. When you renew your credential that expired on December 31, 2019, it will then expire on December 31, 2022.

Q: Will MDARD print new certification cards with a new expiration date to show that my credential is still current during the state of emergency and 60 days after its termination?

A: No. MDARD will not be printing temporary cards.

Q: If MDARD won't be issuing new cards, how will I be able to verify that I'm currently certified?

A: You should obtain a copy of Executive Order 2020-52 and be prepared to provide it upon request.

Q: How do I purchase restricted use pesticides (RUP) if my credential expired on December 31, 2019?

A: MDARD has notified all licensed RUP dealers about the executive order. It is suggested you obtain a copy of the order in the event your dealer is not aware of it.

Q: I submitted my certification renewal application but have not yet completed all my exams to renew the credential categories listed on my card expiring on December 31, 2019. Do I have to take/pass the exams that I still have remaining?

A: No. Your expired credential will be valid until 60 days after the termination of the state of emergency. After that time, you will only need to take the exams you have not already passed.

Q: My Pesticide Application Business (PAB) License has not been issued because the qualifying applicator was not able to renew their expired credential. Will Executive Order 2020-52 impact my pending PAB License?

A: Yes. Your PAB License will be issued, but please be advised if your qualifying applicator does not renew within 60 days after the termination of the state of emergency, your license will no longer be valid.

Q: Will I be able to remain certified by reciprocity if my certification from an adjacent state has expired?

A: Michigan will honor reciprocity from Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin if they have extended the certification period similar to Michigan. If you are certified by reciprocity in another state, you will have to contact that state for their guidance.

Q: How does a new, initial commercial applicator obtain commercial pesticide applicator certification at this time?

A: Until the expiration of the state of emergency and in-person certification exams are resumed, MDARD does not have a legal method of certifying new commercial applicators.

Q: If I am approached by an inspector while applying pesticides within the 60-day window, how will the inspector know that I am legal?

A: Be sure to carry your driver's license and expired certification card. If you were in the process of renewing and have your paper "Receipt and Temporary Credential" with handwritten exam scores, carry that as well. MDARD inspectors are aware of Executive Order 2020-52 and will verify your certification expiration information and identity during the inspection.