

Temporary Registered Applicator Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I noticed the Michigan State University (MSU) training video is titled “*Pesticide Review for Private Applicators*”. Is this training relevant to commercial registered applicators?

A: Yes. The material covered in the MSU training video is core information that is relevant to all pesticide applicators.

Q: MDARD says this a “temporary” program. Does this mean if I become a registered applicator under the program it will only be temporary, and my credential will expire on September 30, 2020?

A: No. If you complete the program you will become a registered applicator and you will receive a credential valid until December 31, 2022. However, the process by which trainers are approved by MDARD and exams are administered by the trainer, expires on September 30, 2020.

Q: My firm has an existing MDARD-approved training program for registered applicators. How does this program affect me?

A: If your firm has an MDARD-approved registered applicator training program, you may continue to utilize it, or you can adopt the temporary program. If you choose to use your existing program, you need to utilize the self-test option allowed under the temporary program as there is currently no way to take an MDARD-administered exam.

Q: Do I have to use the MSU video for training since it covers core applicator principles?

A: Unless you have another MDARD-approved training program in place, the MSU video identified in the *Guidance for Trainers of Registered Applicators* document is the only training acceptable for the MDARD Temporary Registered Applicator Program.

Q: Can registered applicators needing to renew their credential use this program to renew?

A: Yes.

Q: If I renew my registered applicator credential under the temporary program, will my three-year renewal cycle change?

A: No. The registration cycle for this program is the same three-year cycle as for the traditional registered applicator program administered by MDARD.

Q: When will the credential expire for an applicator who obtains registration through the Temporary Registered Applicator Program?

A: The registration credential expires December 31, 2022.

Q: Will MDARD print and send registration cards like it does for the traditional certification / registered applicator program?

A: Yes. If you follow the instructions on the guidance document and submit a complete application, you should receive your credential in 4 to 6 weeks.

Q: Will the tested registered applicator be allowed to make pesticide applications even if MDARD has not received their paperwork and payment?

A: Yes. Registered applicators who have completed training and passed the exam must carry a copy of the *Registered Applicator Verification Form* as their temporary credential. This form is a valid credential until the applicator receives a registration card from MDARD via U.S. mail.

Q: Do the applicators have to stop applying pesticides and get certified or go through the traditional registered technician program after this temporary program expires September 30, 2020?

A: No. Applicators obtaining registration through the Temporary Registered Applicator Program are considered the same as those who went through a traditional registered applicator program. The applicator may legally apply pesticides as long as their credential is valid.

Q: Can a registered applicator apply restricted use pesticides?

A: No, only general use pesticides.

Q: Do these modified training and exam policies replace the existing policies for firms using the two-week (uncertified/unregistered) training program?

A: No. The firm is still able to utilize the two-week training program for uncertified/unregistered applicators working under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. Direct supervision requires the certified applicator to be onsite with the non-certified applicator during an application.