

Applicators Must Obtain Federal Certification to Apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country

EPA is now certifying private and commercial applicators of restricted use pesticides in Indian country. For application forms and more information, go to:
www2.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country

Who must be certified

Private and **Commercial** applicators applying restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country must be federally certified, unless the tribe is covered under another EPA-approved or EPA-implemented plan.

How to become certified

Submit to your EPA Regional Office a signed application form **and** a copy of your valid, current certificate from a state, tribe or federal agency that shares a border with the area of Indian country where you will be applying RUPs.

Private applicators also have the option of obtaining the federal certification by **submitting** a signed application form **and** proof of completing the training requirement. See the website or the application form for more details on the training requirement.

There is no fee for the federal certificate. Fees to obtain a state or tribal certificate or to attend training still apply.

What is considered Indian country

Indian country is defined at 18 U.S.C. § 1151. It includes, among other things, all lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations, such as private property and rights-of-way. For more details, see <http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/definition-indian-country>.

The following tribes are covered by another EPA-approved certification plan. Contact the following tribes to learn more about their certification requirements (contiguous states are noted):

- Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (North Dakota)
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (South Dakota)
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe (South Dakota)
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation (Idaho)
- Navajo Nation (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)
- Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska (Nebraska)
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (Kansas)
- The White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians (Minnesota)

Additional details and information

- Contact the tribal office to learn of any tribal regulations, codes or ordinances that may restrict or modify pesticide applications. All applicators must comply with all applicable federal and tribal rules and regulations.
- State certifications are generally not valid in Indian country.
- The federal certificates issued under this plan are not valid outside of the applicable areas of Indian country covered by the plan.
- Commercial categories under the federal certification will generally match the federal, state or tribal categories, with a few exceptions. See section IX of the EPA Plan for these exceptions.

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