CONTRACTOR LICENSE INFORMATION SHEET

The Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act of 1976 requires that any person engaged in the business of applying pesticides to the lands of another within the State of Georgia must first be issued a pesticide contractor’s license by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

DEFINITION OF PESTICIDE CONTRACTOR

The term “pesticide” is defined as any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest or pests. This definition includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, plant growth regulators, defoliants, etc. If you apply, as part of your business, or your company applies any type of pesticide to someone else’s property and a fee is assessed for these applications, or if you perform applications as part of a maintenance contract, you are subject to this requirement.

EXAMPLES

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REQUIREMENTS

- At least one (1) full-time certified commercial applicator in employment licensed in category(ies) of operation.
- Satisfying financial responsibility requirements.
- Completing an application and submitting a $55.00 annual fee.
- [NEW! Contractor Letter of Verification Requirements.pdf](http://www.agr.state.ga.us/html/pesticide_division.html)

PENALTY

If your company is engaged in the application of pesticides to the property of another person and collecting a fee for this service without the proper license, an injunction may be sought against your company. A maximum fine of $1,000.00 per violation may also be levied against your company. Each pesticide application performed without the required pesticide contractor license may be viewed as a separate violation, and fines assessed accordingly.

For more information, visit our website and click on the Pesticide Contractor link at: [http://www.agr.state.ga.us/html/pesticide_division.html](http://www.agr.state.ga.us/html/pesticide_division.html)
GEORGIA PESTICIDE CONTRACTOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Date of Application

Check One

☐ This is the first time this company has applied for a Georgia Pesticide Contractor’s License.
☐ This is a renewal application.

Official Use Only

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Date: _______ _______ ________ 2
Voucher No. ____________

BUSINESS

Business Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

Address ____________________________ Mailing ____________________________ Location (Street/Route) ____________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip ____________________________

TYPE OF BUSINESS

☐ Company or Corporation ☐ Individual ☐ Partnership

Note: If individual or partnership, furnish name and address of owners. If company or corporation, give name and title of officers.

(1) Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________

City ____________________________ Zip ____________________________ City ____________________________ Zip ____________________________

Company / Corporation ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Office ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Office ____________________________ Title ____________________________

COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

Provide name and license number of all certified commercial pesticide applicators in your full time employment. Attach an additional sheet, if needed.

Name ____________________________ License # ____________________________ Name ____________________________ License # ____________________________

COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES

Check only the categories in which you actually operate and in which you have in full time employment at least one certified commercial applicator

☐ 21 Plant Agricultural Pest Control ☐ 27 Right of Way Pest Control ☐ 37 Anti-microbial

☐ 22 Animal Agricultural Pest Control ☐ 31 Public Health Pest Control ☐ 38 Ag Commodity Fumigation

☐ 23 Forest Pest Control ☐ 34 Aerial Equipment ☐ 39 Antifouling Paint

☐ 24 Ornamental and Turf Pest Control ☐ 35 Industrial Institutional Health Related ☐ 41 Mosquito Control

☐ 26 Aquatic Pest Control ☐ 36 Wood Treatment

EQUIPMENT USED

List all equipment used except hand pumps on reverse side of this form. F.A.A. Company Operating Certificate # (Aerial only) ____________________________

LICENSE FEE

This application must be accompanied by a $55.00 license fee (Check or money order made payable to The Georgia Department of Agriculture)

LIABILITY COVERAGE/FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This application form shall serve as the certificate of liability insurance. By signing below, the applicant certifies that this pesticide contractor maintains financial responsibility at this and all times throughout the pesticide contractor license period as required and in the minimum amount specified by section 2-7-103 of the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act and section 40-21-8 of the rules of the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act. Failure to maintain financial responsibility will result in cancellation of your pesticide contractor license and may result in enforcement action against your company.

Please notify us if you have previously submitted an affidavit and one acceptable document for any other license or GATE card issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. This will allow us to search our databases and upload he required documentation for your new license and enable a better customer service experience. For assistance, call the Customer Service Center at 855-4-AG-LICENSE (855-424-5423).

Applicant Signature ____________________________ Printed Name ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Have you entered a guilty plea or been found guilty after January 1, 1984 of any violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act, which violation involved the use of an aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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PESTICIDE USE AND APPLICATION

CHAPTER 40-21-8
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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40-21-8-.01 Persons Subject to Regulations. Amended.
Any individual, company, corporation or other business entity desiring to engage in the business of applying pesticides to the lands of another within this State shall secure a Pesticide Contractor's License. Granting of such license shall be conditioned on satisfactory proof of financial responsibility by all applicants other than those who are applying crop protection products to agricultural crops and who are requesting a Pesticide Contractor's License in only the Agricultural Plant Pest Category, with or without licensing in Aerial Methods.

Proof of financial responsibility by the applicant for a Pesticide Contractor's license must be evidenced and furnished to the Commissioner of Agriculture by certification of liability insurance, by copy of an appropriate surety bond, or by certificate of deposit for a cash deposit. Forms for certification of liability insurance and for surety bonds shall be specified and furnished by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
40-21-8-.03 Insurance. Amended.

Liability Insurance policies may include pollution exclusions or other exclusions only to the extent that they are not inconsistent with O.C.G.A. 2-7-103, and shall be in the following minimum limits, including coverage for legal damages arising from the use of chemicals, dusting powders and the like, employed by the insured in his regular business operations:

(a) Aerial Contractors

**Bodily Injury** $50,000 Any One Occurrence

**Property Damage** $25,000 Any One Occurrence

$100,000 Aggregate

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**Maximum Deductible** $1,000 Per Occurrence

(b) Ground Contractors

**Bodily Injury** $25,000 Any One Occurrence

**Property Damage** $10,000 Any One Occurrence

$25,000 Aggregate

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**Maximum Deductible** $500 Per Occurrence


40-21-8-.04 Surety Bond. Amended.

Surety Bonds shall be in the following minimum amounts, to cover legal damages arising from the use of chemicals, dusting powders and the like, employed by the principal in his regular business operations:

(a) Aerial Contractors

**Minimum Bond** $50,000

**Maximum Deductible** $1,000

(b) Ground Contractors

**Minimum Bond** $20,000

**Maximum Deductible** $500

40-21-8-.05 Cash Deposit. Amended.
(1) Cash deposits may be made in any bank of applicant's choice. Certificate of Deposit shall be made payable jointly to the depositor and the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture; shall be endorsed by depositor and shall be maintained in the custody of the Commissioner of Agriculture during the period licensed and for 90 days thereafter. Deposits shall be in the following minimum amounts to cover legal damages arising from the use of chemicals, dusting powders and the like, employed by the depositor in his regular business operations:
(a) Aerial Contractors  $50,000
(b) Ground Contractors $20,000
(2) Cash deposits shall be subject to the same deductible amounts as the liability insurance and surety bonds, namely:
(a) Aerial Contractors  $1,000
(b) Ground Contractors $500

40-21-8-.06 Exclusion of Coverage. Amended.
Surety Bonds, liability insurance, and cash deposits shall not apply to damages or injury to agricultural crops, plants, or land being worked upon by the pesticide contractor.