

FAQ on Proposed Pesticide Control Program Regulations  
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1. What is the reason for these regulations' changes?

*The federal certification and training regulations were changed by EPA. Most required regulatory changes were implemented by ADEC in 2017. However, EPA identified several items they wished to see clarified or implemented via regulation rather than policy.*

2. What are the changes to the certification categories?

*We have updated the category descriptions in several categories to help clarify what is covered under each category. Additionally, on EPA request, we have separated seed treatment from the agricultural pest control category into its own category.*

*These changes are not anticipated to affect any currently certified applicators.*

3. What are the changes to the certification process?

*We have updated the description of the examination process to reflect current practices.*

*In addition, on EPA request, we have cited federal exam content requirements in place of listing the topics to be covered by exams.*

*These changes are not anticipated to affect any currently certified applicators, as these are the current policies used by the Pesticide Program which need to be supported by regulation.*

4. What are the changes to the re-certification process?

*Upon EPA request we have added a description of requirements for approving continuing education units for re-certification. This change is not anticipated to affect any currently certified applicators, as this new regulation reflects current policy used by the Pesticide Program.*

*EPA also requested that we eliminate the 30 day grace period for renewing certification. ADEC does not anticipate that this minor change will significantly impact currently certified applicators.*

5. What other changes were made?

*During a 2017 regulations change, we eliminated the option of a non-certified applicator applying restricted use pesticides under a certified applicator's direction. This was because new federal regulations required a complicated training and documentation program to allow this activity but there is little use of restricted use pesticides in Alaska, and therefore little demand for this option.*

*We identified several areas in the regulations where this previous change needed to be clarified. This change is not anticipated to affect any currently certified applicators, as this reflects current policy and regulation used by the Pesticide Program.*

*Upon EPA request, we added a definition of "pesticide use" to the regulations which matches the federal definition. This change is not anticipated to affect any currently certified applicators, as it reflects current practice.*