



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator (NPA) License Fact Sheet for Private Schools

HOW HOW DO I BECOME QUALIFIED FOR A NPA LICENSE?

If you are a certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator with an appropriate license category, you already qualify to apply for the NPA license without needing to take additional exams. Alternatively, you may take and pass the required exams. Additional options and information are discussed in the frequently asked questions [document](#).

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE NPA LICENSE?

Beginning on November 17, 2023, you can apply for this license using a form available on the [ODA website](#). Note: The online license renewal system on the ODA website cannot be used to apply for a new NPA license, but it will be available in November 2024 for those wishing to renew their 2025 NPA license. This means anyone who wants to apply for a new NPA license for 2024 must apply using a paper application.

I APPLY PESTICIDES IN MY SCHOOL'S GREENHOUSE, GARDEN OR BARN, OR TO MAINTAIN FORESTED AREAS ON THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS THAT MAY EVENTUALLY BE HARVESTED/LOGGED. IS THIS COVERED BY THE NPA LICENSE?

Yes, the NPA license covers private school employees or owners who apply any pesticide to their own private school campus (as defined in ORS 634.700). This includes applications of pesticides on the school's campus to produce plants, fungi, or animals for educational purposes, human consumption, sale, or propagation (*i.e.*, for agricultural production). The licensed NPA must have the appropriate license categories for the type of work they are doing.

Please note that private school employees/owners must obtain a Private Applicator license to apply restricted use pesticides to their private school's off-campus property for the purposes of agricultural production. The school Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law in Oregon does not permit licensed Private Applicators to make pesticide applications to a school campus.

HAVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL IPM LAW CHANGED, OR ARE THEY DIFFERENT UNDER THE NPA LICENSE?

No. The adoption of the NPA license type does not change the existing requirements of the school IPM law (such as written notification, posting of warning signs, recordkeeping, etc.).

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information is available in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) [document](#) and [ODA Rulemaking Webpage](#).

TABLE 1. PRIVATE SCHOOLS - LICENSING SCENARIOS

Scenario ¹	Licensing Requirement
<p>Private school employee or owner needs to apply any pesticide to their private school campus as defined in ORS 634.700.</p>	<p><u>Applicator:</u> The individual must hold a noncommercial pesticide applicator license with the appropriate license categories.²</p> <p><u>Employer:</u> The individual’s employer (school) is <u>not</u> required to hold a pesticide license for these pesticide applications.</p>
<p>Private school employee or owner needs to apply a restricted use pesticide to “off-campus” property that their private school owns or leases for the purpose of agricultural production.</p>	<p><u>Applicator:</u> The individual must have a private applicator license.³</p> <p><u>Employer:</u> The individual’s employer (business entity) is not required to hold a pesticide license for these pesticide applications.</p>
<p>A business is contracted to apply pesticides (General or Restricted Use) to the private school’s campus or other property owned or leased by the private school.</p>	<p><u>Applicator:</u> The individual who applies the pesticide must hold a commercial pesticide applicator license with the appropriate license categories.²</p> <p><u>Employer:</u> Additionally, the individual’s employer (business entity) must hold a commercial pesticide operator license with the appropriate license categories.</p>

¹ For simplicity, the scenarios in this table exclude applications of pesticides via aircraft, and pesticide applications for research purposes.

² If appropriately supervised by the licensed noncommercial or commercial pesticide applicator with the appropriate license categories and permitted by the pesticide label, a licensed pesticide apprentice or immediately supervised trainee may make the pesticide application.

³ Unlicensed individuals can make ground applications of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) if permitted by the pesticide labeling and they are supervised by a licensed Private Applicator who is their employer or co-worker. The pesticide application must be for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities or forest crops and must be made on land owned or leased by the individual or the employer of the individual.