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PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

WHAT IS THIS COURSE?

This course is designed to prepare people who work in agriculture for the Newfoundland and Labrador pesticide applicator certification examination. There are eleven lessons to study with quiz questions and exercises, The course provides basic information on pesticide properties and hazards, safe use practices and equipment calibration.

WHAT IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Pesticide applicator certification is currently required by people who apply Commercial and Restricted class pesticides.

Anyone who applies pesticides as a service or who purchases, mixes or applies Commercial and/or Restricted class pesticides will find this course useful to prepare for the certification examination. The certification examination is based on the information contained in this course.

Everyone who applies pesticides in agriculture has a responsibility to ensure they are knowledgeable about safe practices. Applicators should be trained to protect themselves, co-workers, family, the public and environment. If you are an employer, you must ensure that your workers who apply pesticides are trained in safe practices. This course and the certification exam is intended to satisfy these training requirements.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE REQUIRE?

People who have worked in agriculture a number of years will find they know much of the material in this course. It depends on individual requirements whether a person should read through the course quickly or study it in detail. If you are familiar with the material in this course you should have no trouble with the certification examination.

The material is presented in short sections followed by exercises and quiz questions. It is recommended that you check at the beginning of each lesson what you are to learn. Study each section then complete the questions and check your answers with those at the back of the lesson. If you can complete the exercises and correctly answer the quiz questions, you should be able to successfully write the exam.

The certification exam is an "open-book" so you can refer to any written materials during the exam. This means you do not have to memorize the course contents. However, you must understand the course information and be able to quickly look up information. You should be

familiar with the list of contents that follows this information on the course and at the beginning of each lesson.

When you want to write the certification exam, contact the Pesticides Control Section of the Department of Environment. You will need the course lessons, a copy of the Environmental Act and Pesticide Control Regulations, and a calculator when you write the exam.

IN SUMMARY

It is hoped that this course will set the standards for safe and effective use of pesticides in agriculture. The course provides readers with an understanding of pesticides and safe use practices. Following safe practices makes good sense for everyone.