

Guide to Pest Control Licensing in South Australia

Name of endorsement	Description
Domestic & Commercial Pest Control (previously Domestic & Industrial)	Control of common domestic pests such as insects, spiders, wasps, rats, mice, ants and termites in and around private homes and commercial buildings. It may also include some minor use of herbicides in domestic or commercial situations.
Control of Weeds	Control of weeds using herbicides in any setting (except Viticultural settings) including fields, broad acre crops, pastures, native vegetation, along roadsides, in orchards, sports grounds, timber plantations and vegetable, flower and nut crops.
Control of Weeds & Plant Pests	Control of weed, insect and fungal pests using herbicides, insecticides and fungicides in any setting (except Viticultural settings) including fields, broad acre crops, pastures, native vegetation, along roadsides, in orchards, sports grounds, timber plantations and vegetable, flower and nut crops.
Fumigation Pest Control	Control of weed, insect and fungal pests in soil, stacks, silos and/or ships using fumigants (gaseous pesticides).
Viticultural Pest Control	Control of pests such as insects, fungus and weeds, in grape vines/vineyards.
Stump Treatment	Treatment of plant/tree stumps to prevent regrowth using a limited range of chemicals
Vertebrate Pest Control	Control of vertebrate pests such as rabbits and foxes using pesticides/poisons and fumigants.
Agricultural Pilots	Control of weed, insect and fungal pests in agricultural settings eg broad acre crops, with the pesticide distributed from an aircraft.

Contact Controlled Substances Licensing for current training provider details.

Exemptions

In some cases exemptions from holding a licence(s) under the Regulations may apply for small scale pest control activities. Please contact CSL for current information on any exemption you may be eligible for.

How to apply for a licence:

- > Submit your application online at www.sahealthcsl.net/new-pest-control.
- > Attach copy of course/subject results (for applications for a FPMT licence or for a LPMT licence with Indirect Supervision).
- > Submit ID Photo and complete witness declaration (applications for a FPMT licence only).
- > Submit payment of the required application fee.
- > If granted, your licence will be posted to you.

For more information

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Introduction

Anyone who handles or applies pesticides for fee or reward is required to hold the appropriate licence(s) issued by Controlled Substances Licensing (CSL), SA Health, in accordance with the *Controlled Substances (Pesticides) Regulations 2017* (the Regulations).

'Pest control work' means using a pesticide to kill, stupefy, repel, inhibit the feeding of, or modify the physiology of a pest, and includes handling a pesticide.

'Pests' includes insect, weed, rodent, fungal and other pests. 'Pesticides' includes insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, fungicides and fumigants.

NOTE: Chemical user accreditation is not the same as licensing and does **not** authorise a person, or their employee, to undertake pest control work on another property for fee or reward. Chemical user accreditation may be a requirement for some industry programs and also allows a person to purchase and use unrestricted schedule 7 poisons on their own property.

The three types of licence issued by CSL are:

Pest Controller

This is the business licence. All Pest Management Technicians must work under a Pest Controller's licence, either their own (eg owner operators), or their employer's. To hold a Pest Controller's licence you must either hold a FPMT licence (see below) or employ someone who does.

Full Pest Management Technician: FPMT

The holder of a FPMT licence can undertake pest control work for 'fee or reward' without supervision. To be eligible for a FPMT licence you need to have successfully completed the courses relevant to the type of pest control work you will be doing. FPMTs are issued a photo ID card, and a nominated FPMT may supervise a LPMT.

Limited Pest Management Technician: LPMT

A LPMT's licence is issued to people who want to start working in the pest control industry but have not started or completed their training. The holder of a LPMT licence is entitled to carry out pest control work but *only* under the **Direct Supervision** (within sight **and** sound) of a supervising FPMT. It is a condition of licence that the LPMT will undertake the relevant courses as soon as practicable from the date the licence is issued, but a LPMT licence can only be held for a maximum period of two years.

Indirect Supervision (optional): Some LPMTs choose to apply to work under Indirect Supervision. Indirect Supervision means working within sight **or** sound of a supervising FPMT ('sound' includes by telephone etc). The authority for a LPMT to start working under Indirect Supervision can only be granted by CSL and is issued in writing. To be eligible to apply, the LPMT must have demonstrated academic competency in handling pesticides safely, and the supervising FPMT must complete a Trainee Skills Declaration for the LPMT.

Being granted 'Indirect Supervision' does not change any of the terms or conditions of a LPMT's licence.

Pesticide Licence endorsements

All Pesticide Licences are issued with endorsements. Endorsements show what kinds of pesticides may be used and what kinds of pest control work may be undertaken. Endorsements on a FPMT licence are determined by which courses have been successfully completed. Endorsements on a LPMT licence are restricted to the endorsements on the licence of their supervising FPMT.

It is an offence to do pest control work that your licence is not endorsed for. If further training is completed after a licence has been issued, contact CSL to have additional endorsements added to the licence before commencing that type of pest control work.

