

# Licensing, Accreditation and Schedule 7 Pesticides

The differences between chemical user accreditation and a pesticide licence are summarised below.

	Chemical User Accreditation	Pesticide Licensing
Training duration	1-2 days (average)	3-5 days (average)
Refresher training required?	✓ (5 yearly)	✗ (except in unusual circumstances)
Purchase S7 pesticides?	✓	✓
Use S7s on own property?	✓	✓
Employees can use S7s on employer's property	✓	✓
Use S5 & S6 pesticides on own property?	Not applicable: anyone can purchase and use S5 and S6 pesticides on their own property without accreditation or licensing.	
Apply S7 pesticides to another person's property for fee or reward?	✗	✓ (unless S7 excluded on licence)
Apply S5 or S6 pesticides to another person's property for fee or reward?	✗	✓
Employees can apply S5 or S6 pesticides to another person's property for fee or reward?	✗	✓ (employee must hold appropriately endorsed licence)

**\*Note:** S7 pesticides listed in regulation 25 are, with some exemptions, subject to additional controls and may require additional or other licences to be held.

## Training providers

Current approved chemical user accreditation training providers are: ARO Educational Services, AusChem Training (Vic) Inc, ChemCert Limited, Independent Institute - IIFP Pty Ltd, SMARTtrain, Spray Solutions and TAFE SA.

Contact Controlled Substances Licensing for details on training providers currently delivering training courses for licensing.

## Exemptions

In some cases exemptions from holding a licence under the Regulations may apply. Please contact CSL for current information on General Exemptions and Statements of Exemption.

## For more information

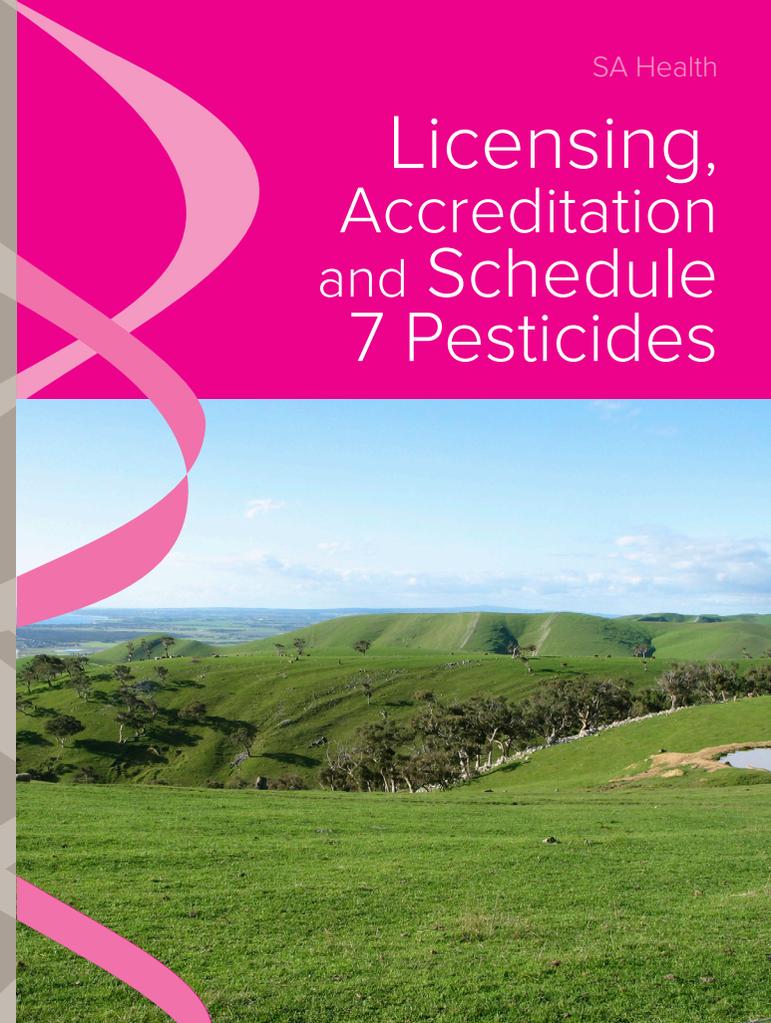
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## Introduction

Pesticides are particular group of poisons or chemicals that kill, stupefy, repel, inhibit the feeding of, or modify the physiology of a pest. **Pests** are living organisms that include insect, weed, rodent, fungal, and other pests.

Pesticides registered for use in Australia are classified into various 'schedules' depending (mainly) on their potential to cause harm to humans when used in accordance with the approved label. If a registered pesticide is unscheduled the potential to cause harm is considered so low that it is negligible.

Poison Schedules	Potential for causing harm:	Signal word on approved label:
Schedule 5 (S5)	Low	CAUTION
Schedule 6 (S6)	Moderate	POISON
Schedule 7 (S7)	High (even at low exposures)	DANGEROUS POISON

All S7 poisons, including S7 pesticides, are subject to stringent regulatory controls, particularly with regard to sale, supply and use, and must not be used in domestic or domestic garden settings. S7 pesticides are sold to end users such as farmers and spray contractors by retailers, who must be licensed by Controlled Substances Licensing (CSL), SA Health to sell S7 pesticides.

The conditions of a 'Schedule 7 Retailer's' licence prohibits selling or supplying S7\* pesticides to anyone who is not authorised. The two types of 'authorised' person are:

1. A person who holds a valid **chemical user accreditation card**, similar to the one below, issued by a registered training organisation.



2. A person who holds a valid **pest management technician's or pest controller's licence** issued under the Controlled Substances (Pesticides) Regulations 2017 by CSL. An example paper licence and photo ID card (issued only to Full Pest Management Technician's) are shown below.



\*S7 pesticides listed in regulation 25 of the *Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 2011* (e.g. arsenic, chloropicrin, cyanides, methyl bromide, 1080) are, with some exemptions, subject to additional controls and additional or other licences may be required.



## Accreditation

Chemical user accreditation allows (authorises) a person to purchase schedule 7 pesticides, but **only** for use on their own property. Accreditation does **not** authorise a person to apply pesticides on a commercial basis (ie for fee or reward on another person's property).

Students successfully completing their chemical user accreditation training are issued with an accreditation card (unless under 18 years of age) which they need to show to a S7 Retailer when purchasing any S7 pesticides as evidence that they are an authorised person.

## Licensing

Anyone who handles or applies pesticides for fee or reward is required to hold the appropriate licence(s) under the *Controlled Substances (Pesticides) Regulations 2017* (unless exempt from the requirement to hold a licence). Licences authorise a person to purchase S7 pesticides in accordance with their licence endorsements.

All pesticide licences are issued with endorsements. Endorsements are based on what training has been done, and show what kinds of pesticides may be used and what kinds of pest control work may be undertaken.