

Control of Weeds and Plant Pests

Introduction

Anyone who undertakes pest control work in South Australia for fee or reward is required to hold a licence under the *Controlled Substances (Pesticides) Regulations 2017*.

Pesticide licences are issued by Controlled Substances Licensing (CSL), SA Health. '**Pests**' includes weed, insect and fungal pests, and '**pesticides**' includes herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

There are three different types of Pesticide Licence, each having one or more endorsements. This pamphlet explains licensing requirements in general, and the specific requirements to obtain a licence endorsed for Control of Weeds and Plant Pests.

Control of Weeds and Plant Pests refers to the 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.

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.

Pest control business means a business where pest control work is performed for another for fee or reward (eg payment in money or goods or services).

Types of licences

The three types of licence issued by CSL are:

Pest Controller's licence

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.

Limited Pest Management Technician: LPMT

The holder of this licence is entitled to carry out pest control work, but *only* under the **supervision** of a FPMT licence holder. If you have not started or completed the courses required for the type of pest control work you wish to do, you must first obtain a LPMT licence. It is a condition of licence that the holder 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.

Full Pest Management Technician: FPMT

The holder of a FPMT licence can undertake pest control work 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 and received your final assessment results. FPMTs are issued a photo ID card. A nominated FPMT may supervise a LPMT.



Supervision

The holder of a LPMT licence may choose to complete the underpinning knowledge subjects: 'Prepare and Apply Chemicals', and 'Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals' to become eligible to apply to work under **Indirect Supervision** rather than **Direct Supervision**.

To apply, their supervisor must complete a 'Trainee Skills Declaration' (TSD), which is a declaration that the LPMT has demonstrated they can safely use a pesticide on four different jobs treating a particular type of pest.

The TSD and a copy of their assessment results for the two subjects noted above must be submitted to CSL for consideration. The LPMT and their employer will be notified in writing if approval to work under Indirect Supervision has been granted, and must continue to work under Direct Supervision until approved.

Direct Supervision	Indirect Supervision
LPMT must be within sight AND sound of their supervisor	LPMT must be within sight OR sound of their supervisor

Note: 'Sound' can be by telephone etc