



Guide to Obtaining a WA Pest Management Technicians Licence

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This guide applies to persons requiring a licence to apply pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, molluscicides and fumigants

There is a legal requirement for a person to hold a current licence and business registration under the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011*

There is a two-tiered system of licensing Pest Management Technicians in Western Australia. This system was designed to meet the requirements of industry, government and the community.

To work in the pest management industry for remuneration, a person must hold either a Provisional or Technician's Licence. Where a person holds a licence they must be employed by a registered Pest Management Business or register their own business.

A Provisional holder may own a pest management business, or purchase an existing pest management business. However, they must employ a person who holds a Technician's Licence, until such time as they obtain their own.

For further information on qualifications, training, the issuing of a Technician's licence and Pest Management Business registration please contact:

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It is an offence to undertake pest management activities not endorsed on your licence.

Additional Fumigants, Schedule 7 or Restricted-Use Pesticides and endorsements may be added on written request where appropriate training has been completed.



Licence and Business Registration Fees

A fee* is payable by those who hold a Provisional and Technician's licence. Licences are subject to annual renewal.

Both licences and business registrations may have 'conditions' of approval and are enforceable by law.

* **Technician licence fees are currently set at \$140 and \$280 for pest management business registration. Fees are reviewed annually and subject to change without notice. For current fees contact Pesticide Safety.**

Licences

A Technician's Licence is restricted by endorsements depending on the qualifications the applicant has obtained.

A list of courses and training providers is located at the end of this document.

Before Enrolling in a Course, it is advisable to contact Pesticide Safety to discuss your particular circumstances.

DO NOT ENROL IN A COURSE UNLESS YOU ARE SURE IT IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR NEEDS.

Salespersons

All salespersons engaged in the pest management industry must be licensed. CPPPMT3006A – Apply Pesticide to Manage Pests, from the Property Services Training Package, or equivalent must be completed to gain a licence.

On successful completion of the module, an applicant may apply for a Technician's licence, **restricted to 'sales' only**. This licence is restricted to providing advice on chemical use only. **No handling, mixing or application of pesticides is permitted.**

Urban Pest Control: Termites & Timber Pests, Commercial & Domestic Pests

1. Provisional Licence

A Provisional licence must be obtained prior to the application of registered pesticides for termite control and commercial/domestic pests. The unit CPPPMT3006A from the Property Services Training Package must be successfully completed in order to apply for a licence. The module is offered by a number of training providers which are listed at the back of this document.



Note: Completing the module does not mean that you are licensed; you must apply for a licence with the Pesticide Safety Section, Department of Health WA.

To apply for a licence you must:

- Complete the approved application form, applying for a 'Provisional' licence and pay the licence fee. Applicants must be over 17 years of age and be medically fit. Verification of this may be required.
- For the **first 30 working days after** obtaining a Provisional licence, you must work under the personal supervision of a person who holds a Technician's licence.
- This means that the person with a Technician's licence must work **directly alongside you at all times** you are handling pesticides and must sign your **log sheets**. Original log sheets for this period are to be forwarded to the Pesticide Safety.
- **After the first 30 working days** of you obtaining your Provisional licence you may work on your own, although receiving instructions and ongoing training from a person who holds a Technician's licence. This person must be responsible for your work and must sign your **log sheets/book** showing the level of supervision you received until you gain your Technician's licence.

Note: The log book completed by a provisional technician remains the property of the Provisional license holder.

A Provisional licence is valid for 12 months from the date of issue. An extension of a further 12 months may be granted in order to enable the license holder to complete the required competencies to obtain a Technician's license. A fee is payable to extend your licence passed its expiry date.

Note: Extensions are not automatically granted, written request stating reason(s) and evidence of training completed towards Certificate III Pest Management must be provided.

2. Technician's Licence

In order to be upgraded from Provisional to Technician's licence, licence holders are required to complete the appropriate units of competencies at Certificate III level from the Pest Management – Technical Course.

Core Units:

- CPPCMN3002A - Assess Pest Management Options
- CPPPMT3004A - Respond to Enquires and Complaints
- CPPPMT3005A - Modify an Environment to Manage Pests
- CPPPMT3006A - Apply Pesticide to Manage Pests
- CPPPMT3007A - Implement a Pest Management Plans
- CPPPMT3009A - Advise Client son Pest Management Options
- CPPPMT3017A - Repair & Maintain Service Equipment
- CPPPMT3018A - Maintain Equipment and Chemical Storage Areas
- CPPPMT3026A - Select & Obtain Pest Management Vehicle, Equipment & Materials
- CPPPMT3043A - Prepare and Present Pest Management Proposals

Elective Units:

CPPPMT3008A – Inspect and Report on Timber Pests
CPPPMT3010A – Control Timber Pests
CPPPMT3042A – Install Physical Termite Barriers

Note: On completion of the required competencies, you **must** apply to Pesticide Safety for your licence to be upgraded. A copy of your **qualifications or statement of attainment** must be forwarded together with a copy of your **log book/sheets** (see above) if you have not already done so.

Insectigas-D

Technicians interested in Insectigas-D (active constituent Dichlorvos) are required to complete a course in the safe use of the product. The supplier, BOC Gases, offers training.

Note: This course **does not lead to a licence** being issued.

Termite Treatment of Power Poles Course

Those wishing to obtain a licence to treat only power poles for termites are required to complete a specific course as required and provided by Western Power.

Note: Pre-requisites units are from the Property Services Training Package

CPPPMT3005A - Modify an Environment,
CPPPMT3006A - Apply Pesticide to Manage Pests, and
CPPPMT3018A - Maintain Equipment and Chemical Storage Area.

PLUS the completion of the Termite Treatment for Power Poles Course

Feral Pigeon Control

The endorsement of Feral Pigeon control using the narcotic Alpha-Chloralose requires the completion of an approved course.

Note: The units below (or equivalence) are the pre-requisites for the control of Feral Pigeons.

AHCCHM303A - Prepare and Apply Chemicals,
AHCCHM304A - Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals, and
CPPPMT3005A - Modify an Environment.

Equivalence units include: CPPPMT3006A Apply Pesticide to Manage Pests and CPPPMT3018A Maintain Equipment and Chemical Storage Area with CPPPMT3005A Modify an Environment from the Property Services Training Package

PLUS the completion of a Feral Pigeon Control Course.



Feral Vertebrates

The use of the highly toxic chemicals Sodium Fluoracetate (1080) and Strychnine for feral vertebrate control is controlled by a Section 24 Notice in the *Poisons Act 1964* and two codes of practice. Compliance with both codes is a condition of licence and legally enforceable.

The following Units of Competency or their equivalent are to be completed to have a licence endorsement of 'Feral Vertebrates'.

- AHCBUS402A - Cost a Project
- AHCCHM303A - Prepare and Apply Chemicals
- AHCCHM304A - Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals
- AHCOHS301A - Contribute to OHS Processes
- AHCVPT203A - Use Firearms to Humanely Destroy Animals
- AHCVPT302A - Implement Vertebrate Pest Control Program
- AHCVPT303A - Survey Pest Animals
- AHCVPT306A - Apply Animal Trapping Techniques
- AHCWRK203A - Operate In Isolated and Remote Situations
- AHCWRK301A - Collect Samples for a Rural Production or Horticulture Monitoring Program
- AHCWRK313A - Implement and Monitor Environmentally Sustainable Work Practices
- FPICOT2234A - Operate 4x4 Vehicle
- FPICOT3202A - Navigate in Remote or Trackless Areas

Note: Applicants must complete 13 Units of competency from the Cert III Vertebrate Pest Management course (AHC31810) or its equivalent. As the number of applicants each year requiring training is small in number, the course may only be offered either once or twice per annum, please check with the RTO for start dates.

Fumigation

It is a requirement that every person using a fumigant for remuneration obtains a Technician licence with the endorsement of fumigation. Prior to attending an approved course a person **must be medically fit**. A medical certificate will be required to be submitted with all new licence applications.

Note: Where fumigants are used to treat soil on farms by the land owner or occupier no licensing is required, however, approved training is still required.

A high standard is set to minimise hazards to fumigators, the environment and public health. A fumigation course covers the following units of competencies:

- CPPPMT3011A - Conduct Fumigation,
- CPPPMT3019A - Organise and Monitor Pest Management Operations,
- CPPPMT3043A - Prepare and Present Pest Management Proposals,
- BSBSMB407A - Manage a Small Team, and
- Basic First Aid - Resuscitation

The type of fumigation activities a person is trained in will be reflected on the individuals licence, such as container, ship, sheet etc. Applicants are requested to ensure they receive the appropriate training in the area they wish to work in.

Vapormate

Technicians endorsed for fumigation and wish to use Vapormate (active constituent Ethyl Formate) are also required to complete a course in the safe use of that product. The supplier of the product, BOC Gases, offers training.

Note: This course **does not lead to a licence** being issued.

ProFume

Technicians endorsed for fumigation and wish to use Profume (active constituent Sulfuryl Fluoride) must complete a stewardship course with the supplier, SA Rural.

Note: This course **does not lead to a licence** being issued.

Dieback Protection in Bushland

A short course titled 'Dieback Protection in Bushland' is available for the application of Phosphite to protect trees and vegetation. The following units must be completed.

AHCCHM303A - Prepare and Apply Chemicals,
AHCCHM304A - Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals, and
AHCPMG302A - Control Plant Pests, Diseases and Disorders.

Note: Applicants with equivalent qualifications to the competencies listed above may be granted an exemption from completing further training.

Lawn & Garden, Landscaping, Bushland & Mine Site Rehabilitation

Completion of the competencies listed below is only for **limited pesticides** applications where **small portable hand held operated sprayers (knapsack / back pack)** are used to treat mainly weeds and other minor pests.

AHCPMG301A - Control Weeds,
AHCCHM303A - Prepare and Apply Chemicals, and
AHCCHM304A - Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals

Note: Applicants who possess qualifications equivalent to the above listed competencies may be granted an exemption from completing further training.



Crops & Pastures, Forestry, Pest & Weed Control Non-Cropping Situations & Turf Management

To obtain a licence with the above endorsements the following minimum competencies must be successfully completed.

AHCCHM303A - Prepare and Apply Chemicals,
AHCCHM304A - Transport, Handle and Store Chemicals,
AHCPMG301A - Control Weeds,
AHCPMG302A - Control Plant Pests, Diseases and Disorders,
AHCCHM401A - Minimise Risks in the Use of Chemicals, and
AHCCHM402A - Plan and Implement a Chemical Use Program

These competencies are required to be completed where mechanical equipment is used to apply pesticides. Examples include boom spraying equipment including quad-bike mounted or air blast equipment.

For More Information

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Course/Module	Training Provider	Prerequisites	Relevant Licence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPPPMT3006A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Institute of Pest Management Training Toowoomba QLD Anthony Anderson 0433 183 613 or 0409 270 176 • Challenger Institute of Technology Murdoch Campus Alan Morrison 9229 8431 or 0401 132 583 • Durack Institute of Technology Geraldton Campus Glenn Brennan 9964 2133 or 0418 939 640 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 	<p>Nil</p>	<p>Provisional</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Technician's-Sales Only</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Pest Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Institute of Pest Management Training Toowoomba QLD Anthony Anderson 0433 183 613 or 0409 270 176 • Challenger Institute of Technology Murdoch Campus Alan Morrison 9229 8431 or 0401 132 583 • Durack Institute of Technology Geraldton Campus Glenn Brennan 9964 2133 or 0418 939 640 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 	<p>CPPPMT3006A</p>	<p>Technician</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insectigas-D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOC Gases 1800 658 278 	<p>Technician</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termite Treatment of Power Poles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durack Institute of Technology Geraldton Campus Glenn Brennan 9964 2133 or 0418 939 640 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 	CPPPMT3005A CPPPMT3006A CPPPMT3018A Plus Western Power Course	Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feral Pigeon Control (Alpha - Chloralose) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durack Institute of Technology Geraldton Campus Glenn Brennan 9964 2133 or 0418 939 640 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 	CPPPMT3005A AHCCHM303A & RTC3705A Or Equivalent Plus Feral Pigeon Control Course	Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feral Vertebrates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durack Institute of Technology Carnarvon Campus Ben Maslen 9956 6192 or 0412 202 220 • Farm Information Services Bevan Uren 9291 8833 • Trainer Mike Butcher 9726-2537 or 0428 193252 	Nil	Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fumigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durack Institute of Technology Geraldton Campus Glenn Brennan 9964 2133 or 0418 939 640 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 	Nil	Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vapormate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOC Gases 1800 658 278 	Technician endorsed with fumigation	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ProFume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Rural Ben Dewit (08) 8347 3838 or 0417 479 449 	Technician endorsed with fumigation	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dieback Protection in Bushland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenger Institute of Technology Murdoch Campus Wayne Miller 9228 8420 or 0401 132 584 	Nil	Technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawn & Garden Landscaping Bush Land Mine Site Rehabilitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activ Pathways George Matthews 0402 062 440 Challenger Institute of Technology Murdoch Campus Wayne Miller 9229 8420 or 0401 132 584 Empower Education Greg McConkey 9255 4188 or 0407 930 218 Great Southern Institute of Technology Albany Campus Neil Binning 9892-8888 Kimberley Training Institute Kununurra Campus 9193-8909 or 1300-996-573 Pilbara Institute Roebourne Campus Scott Chambers 9182-0382 South West Institute of Technology Bunbury Campus Michelle Philpott 9780-7341 South West Institute of Technology Manjimup Campus David Wren 9780-7600 South West Institute of Technology Margaret River Campus Jo Wren 9780-7341 West Coast Institute of Training Joondalup Campus Mike O'Halloran 9233-1048 or 0408-462-374 	Nil	Technician Restricted to Handheld Equipment



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops and Pasture • Forestry • Turf Management • Pest & Weed Control – Non Cropping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenger Institute of Technology Murdoch Campus Wayne Miller 9229 8420 or 0401 132 584 • Great Southern Institute of Technology Albany Campus Andrew Nicholson 9892 7533 or 0418 939 786 • Kimberley Training Institute Kununurra Campus 9193-8909 or 1300-996-573 • Pest Education Services & Training Mark Sheppherd 9443 3733 or 0412 442 265 • South West Institute of Technology Bunbury Campus Michelle Philpott 9780-7341 • South West Institute of Technology Manjimup Campus David Wren 9780-7600 • South West Institute of Technology Margaret River Campus Michelle Philpott 9780-7341 • West Coast Institute of Training Joondalup Campus Mike O’Halloran 9233-1048 or 0408-462-374 	Nil	Technician