

# West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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## **Reciprocity (Commercial Applicator):**

The WVDA reciprocates Commercial/Public Applicator certification ONLY with the states of PA, MD, OH, VA. One would be eligible for reciprocity if they meet the following criteria:

- 1.) One must have taken their initial pesticide exams in one of the before mentioned states and one must still be currently licensed in the state where they took their initial pesticide examinations.
- 2.) One cannot currently reside in WV.
- 3.) One can never have held a WV Commercial or Public Applicator license previously.

***Reciprocity is only for initial pesticide applicator certification in the state of WV.***

If one meets these requirements and is interested in applying for reciprocity with the WVDA, please contact Tamara Harpold at [tharpold@wvda.us](mailto:tharpold@wvda.us). It is part of our practice to contact the Department of Agriculture that one is hoping to reciprocate from, to verify eligibility. We will need the name of the person seeking reciprocity, the state they are seeking reciprocating from and their pesticide license number with that state Department of Agriculture, in order to check on eligibility.

If you are in the process of licensing a business as a new LPAB with the WVDA, although one may be eligible for reciprocity, we will not be able to send the reciprocal application for completion, until the LPAB examination is passed. Once the LPAB examination is passed, the reciprocal application would be sent with the LPAB exam scores and the LPAB license application.

If you work for a business that is not already registered with the WVDA as an RPAB, and you are eligible for reciprocity, please contact Mrs. Harpold to request an RPAB application. We will send the reciprocal application with this application. Both applications will need to be completed and mailed into our office together with the \$20 Applicator licensing fee (check or money order made payable to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture).

If working for an LPAB/RPAB that is currently licensed with the WVDA, if the reciprocal state confirms eligibility, we are permitted to email the reciprocity application for the employee. In all instances, the following items would need to be returned to our office, along with the completed reciprocal application:

- 1.) A copy of the applicant's current driver's license.
- 2.) A copy of the applicant's current pesticide license from the state they are reciprocating from.
- 3.) The \$20 licensing fee, check or money order, made payable to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.