



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING EPA FORM 8500-17  
PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE**

This form is to be used to request certification to purchase and apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

1. Fill out all of the information. An email address is requested but is not required. The phone number and address listed should be your business phone number and business address, if applicable. The phone number should be one at which you can be reached during business hours. For commercial applicators, both the address and phone number will be posted to EPA's website.
  2. Enter your birth date using the numerical month-month-date-date-year-year format.
  3. Enter your EPA Federal Applicator Identification number if this is a renewal or request for a replacement card.
  4. Certificate Type: Check appropriate box. If this is your first application for a pesticide applicator certification in Indian Country, check "Initial Certificate". If contact information submitted on a previous form is erroneous or outdated, please use the "Replacement (Lost Card)" option.
  5. Applicator Type: Check "Private Applicator" ONLY if you will be or are applying pesticides for production of an agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by you or your employer. All other applicators check "Commercial Applicator". There is no "noncommercial" or "public" federal applicator type.
  6. Certification Method: In most cases you will check "Requesting federal certificate based on valid federal, state or tribal certificate or license".
    - 6a. Enter the two character state for which you hold a valid certificate/license, if applicable, the applicator number for your existing certificate, and expiration date. Enter the code for the category or categories for which you are currently certified/licensed. **Attach a photocopy of both sides of your current and valid federal, state or tribal certification or license.** The underlying certificate needs to come from a state or tribe that shares a contiguous boundary with the area of Indian country in which you intend to apply RUPs.
    - 6b. If you do not hold a valid federal, state or tribal applicator certificate and you are applying to be a private applicator, you may be certified after submitting documentation of completion of the on-line training course provided by EPA. A false statement in this certification, including regarding the completion of training, may be grounds for denial of certification and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). **Include documentation of completion of the required training course(s).**
- To apply for recertification, complete one of the options described above during the 12 months preceding the expiration of your current certificate.
7. Sign and date the application and mail the application with a photocopy of both sides of your existing federal, state, or tribal pesticide applicator certificate/license (if you are requesting certification based on a federal, state, or tribal certification) to the appropriate Regional office (see addresses on page 2). **To determine the appropriate Regional office, see <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa#pane-4>.**

**Addresses for Submitting Form**

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| Region | Address  | Region | Address   |
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| 1      | Federal Plan Coordinator<br>Toxics and Pesticide Unit<br>Pesticides Program (OES05-4)<br>U.S. EPA - New England, Region 1<br>5 Post Office Sq, Suite 100<br>Boston, MA 02109-3912          | 6      | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency<br>1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200<br>Pesticides Section (6PD-P)<br>Dallas, Texas 75202-2722                                      |
| 2      | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,<br>Region 2 Pesticides Team<br>Attn: Pesticide Certification Training<br>Coordinator<br>2890 Woodbridge Avenue<br>MS-500<br>Edison, New Jersey 08837 | 7      | Pesticide Applicator Certification<br>Coordinator<br>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -<br>Region 7<br>WWPD/TOPE/PEST<br>901 N. 5th St<br>Kansas City, KS 66101 |
| 3      | No Federally Recognized Tribes   | 8      | US EPA, Region 8<br>Attn: Region 8 Certification<br>1595 Wynkoop St, 8P-P3T<br>Denver, CO 80202   |
| 4      | Federal Tribal Plan Coordinator<br>USEPA Region 4 - Pesticides Section<br>61 Forsyth Street SW<br>SNAFC - 12th Floor<br>Atlanta, GA 30303  | 9      | Federal Plan Coordinator<br>Pesticides Office (CED-5)<br>U.S. EPA Region IX<br>75 Hawthorne St.<br>San Francisco, CA 94105-3901                                     |
| 5      | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency<br>ATTN: Pesticide Applicator Plan<br>Pesticide Program Section<br>77 W. Jackson Blvd. LC-8J<br>Chicago, IL 60604                                     | 10     | Federal Pesticide Applicator Certification<br>Program<br>Pesticides & Toxics Unit<br>US EPA, Region 10<br>1200 Sixth Ave, Ste. 900, OCE-084<br>Seattle, WA 98101    |

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice:** The public reporting burden for respondents completing this form is estimated to average about 10 minutes per response. Send comments (referencing OMB Control Number 2070-0029 and EPA Form 8500-17) about the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Director, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Do not send your completed application form to this address.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Title 7 United States Code, section 136i(a)(1) authorizes the collection of this information. The primary use of this information is to identify persons certified by EPA under the Agency's federal certification plan which administers and oversees certification of applicators of restricted use pesticides. Disclosures of this information may be made pursuant to published routine uses, including to appropriate agencies for law enforcement purposes and to an EPA website for information purposes. Providing the requested information is voluntary, but failing to do so may result in EPA's inability to approve your request to become, or maintain your status as, a certified applicator of restricted use pesticides. For a full description of this system notice, including routine uses, see EPA-59 [77 FR 2060; January 12, 2012].