



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 921.09 Pesticide business license.

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(A)(1) No person shall own or operate a pesticide business without obtaining a license from the director of agriculture. Licenses shall be issued for a period of time established by rule and shall be renewed in accordance with deadlines established by rule.

(2) A person applying for a pesticide business license shall obtain a license for each location that is owned by the person and used for the purpose of engaging in the pesticide business.

(B) Any person who owns or operates a pesticide business outside of this state, but engages in the business of applying pesticides to properties of another for hire in this state, shall obtain a license for the person's principal out-of-state location from the director. In addition, the person shall obtain a license for each location that is owned by the person in this state and used for the purpose of engaging in the pesticide business.

(C)(1) The person applying for a pesticide business license shall file a statement with the director, on a form provided by the director, that shall include all of the following:

(a) The address of the principal place of business of the pesticide business;

(b) The address of each location concerning which the person intends to obtain a license under division (A)(2) or (B) of this section;

(c) Any other information that the director determines necessary and that the director requires by rule.

(2) Each applicant shall pay a license fee established by rule for the principal place of business plus an additional fee established by rule for each pesticide business location specified in the application. The license may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee for the principal place of business established by rule plus an additional fee established by rule for each pesticide business location. A



copy of the license shall be maintained and conspicuously displayed at each pesticide business location.

(3) The issuance of a pesticide business license constitutes licensure of any pesticide business location identified in the application under division (C)(1) of this section.

(4) The owner or operator of a pesticide business shall notify the director not later than fifteen days after any change occurs in the information required under division (C)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(D) The owner or operator of a pesticide business shall employ at least one commercial applicator for each pesticide business location the owner or operator owns or operates.

(E) The owner or operator of a pesticide business is responsible for the acts of each employee in the handling, application, and use of pesticides and in the conducting of diagnostic inspections. The pesticide business license is subject to denial, modification, suspension, or revocation after a hearing for any violation of this chapter or any rule adopted or order issued under it. The director may levy against the owner or operator any civil penalties authorized by division (B) of section 921.16 of the Revised Code for any violation of this chapter or any rule adopted or order issued under it that is committed by the owner or operator or by the owner's or operator's officer, employee, or agent.

(F) The director may modify a license issued under this section by one of the following methods:

(1) Revoking a licensee's authority to operate out of a particular pesticide business location listed under division (C)(1)(b) of this section;

(2) Preventing a licensee from operating within a specific pesticide-use category.

(G) The director may deny a pesticide business license to any person whose pesticide business license has been revoked within the previous thirty-six months.

(H) Each pesticide business location that is owned by a pesticide business is subject to inspection by the director.



(I) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the pesticide, fertilizer, and lime program fund created in section 921.22 of the Revised Code.