



Ohio Revised Code

Section 926.30 Agricultural commodity tester certificate.

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(A) No licensed handler or employee of a licensed handler who receives an agricultural commodity from a producer, either for sale or for storage under a bailment agreement, shall perform a quality test on the commodity for the purpose of applying a premium, discount, or conditioning charge unless the person making the test has passed an examination on the subject that is approved by the director of agriculture. Except as provided in division (D) of this section, upon application by a person who has passed the examination, the director shall issue to the person an agricultural commodity tester certificate that shall be valid for a period of three years. Except as otherwise provided in this division, an agricultural commodity tester shall pass an examination on agricultural commodity testing approved by the director prior to each renewal of a certificate. The director may exempt from the examination requirement for certificate renewal an agricultural commodity tester who, during the year prior to expiration of the certificate, successfully completes training on agricultural commodity testing that has been approved by the director. The director shall establish by rule standards that such training must meet in order to be approved by the director. The rules shall require the training to include instructions in the use of the official grain standards of the United States as a basis for determining the quality of the commodities tested by an agricultural commodity tester. An agricultural commodity tester certificate issued prior to July 29, 1998, shall be considered to be valid until the date on which, at the time of issuance, it was scheduled to expire. Upon expiration of the certificate, the examination requirement for renewal shall apply.

(B) The director may determine that retraining or review is necessary for the tester as a result of changes in or amendments to the official grain standards of the United States, or if the director has reason to believe that retraining is necessary as a result of complaints relating to the tester's inability to accurately test commodities according to the official grain standards. A fee to cover the cost of issuing certificates and administering the educational program shall be established by rule of the director adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and shall be deposited into the commodity handler regulatory program fund created in section 926.19 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director may suspend or revoke the certificate of an agricultural commodity tester in



accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for failure or inability of the tester to apply the official grain standards of the United States in testing the quality of an agricultural commodity.

(D) The director shall issue an agricultural commodity tester certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a agricultural commodity tester in a state that does not issue that license.