

Frequently Asked Questions for Auditors

Q1. What is required of agricultural chemical applicators?

- A. Agricultural chemical applicators are required (Section 6 Agricultural Chemicals 6.2 Application) to have an applicator's license or be certified, OR be formally trained (e.g., online course), OR be supervised by a formally trained/licensed/certified person.

Note: the CanadaGAP Manual does not state that the applicator's license/certificate must be current (i.e., it could have expired).

Q2. What if there are federal/provincial regulations in place regarding the requirements for agricultural chemical applicators?

- A. According to the "How to use the Manual" section of the CanadaGAP Manuals:

Producers, storage intermediaries and packers are responsible to follow all applicable federal, provincial, territorial and municipal legislation and regulations. The producer/storage intermediary/packer is responsible for finding out whether legislation and regulations exist.

*...Federal, provincial, territorial and municipal legislation and regulations **SUPERSEDE** the requirements in the manual and must be followed (e.g., Ontario regulations ask that all agricultural chemical applicators are licensed/certified, while the manual gives a choice that they are certified, trained or supervised by a licensed person. Therefore, an Ontario producer must follow the regulations and be licensed/certified.) However, if the manual requires something that legislation or the regulations do not, then the manual must be followed (e.g., in Alberta, according to the regulations, a producer does not have to have a license/certificate, training or be supervised by someone who is licensed. In order to follow the manual requirements, an Alberta producer would have to do one of the above.)*

Therefore, if there are provincial/territorial/municipal regulations regarding agricultural chemical applicators, these will supersede the requirement in the manual. However, if the manual requires something the regulation does not, the manual must be followed.

Q3. What are the provincial requirements in my area?

- A. Refer to the attached table of provincial requirements. The table also refers you to sources for more information.

Q4. If my provincial government does not require an applicator's license, certification or training, what courses are available to CanadaGAP-certified producers in my province?

- A. We suggest that producers ask their regional growers' associations and provincial government contacts which agricultural chemical applicator courses are being made available either to producers or commercial agricultural chemical applicators.

Q5. How do I score this question on the Audit Checklist (Agronomic Inputs Section – Question #9)?

- A. This question is scored on an all or nothing basis. Either the applicator is in compliance with the standard or he/she is not. There is no incomplete option available for this question. If the applicator is in compliance and has proof of this, he/she receives full marks, otherwise the score is '0'.

Provincial training/certification/license requirements for agricultural chemical application

Province	Does the provincial government require training/ certificate/ license?	What is required?	How long is certificate/ license valid for?	Source of more information
BC	Yes (for Restricted agricultural chemicals) If employees are covered by Workers Compensation Board – Certificate is also required for <u>very or moderately toxic</u> agricultural chemical	Pesticide Applicator Certificate	1 year (if exam mark was between 60-74%) 5 years (if exam mark greater than 75%)	http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/pesticides/i_4.htm and http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/pesticides/h_1.htm
AB	No (Not required for producers [commercial agriculturalist] applying schedule 1 and 2 agricultural chemicals on their own land)			http://environment.alberta.ca/01598.html (refer to Pesticide [Ministerial] Regulation – Section 3 (2) (a) for exemption for producers
SK	No (not required for producers applying agricultural chemicals on their own land)			http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=d7525104-8341-46b1-9503-ea330f17976e
MB	No (not required for applications on producer's own land)			http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/cropproduction/faa24s03.html
ON	Yes (for Class 2 and 3 agricultural chemicals)	Grower Pesticide Safety Course	5 years	http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/resource/using-pesticides.htm#certification

QC	Yes * (see below) (for Class 1, 2, and 3 agricultural chemicals)	Qualification Certificate (various subclasses) For producers <i>with</i> registration card + (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subclass E1 (for class 1 and 2 agricultural chemicals) • Subclass E1.1 (for class 3 agricultural chemicals) For producers <i>without</i> registration card + (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subclass E2 (for class 1, 2, 3 agricultural chemicals) For greenhouse producers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subclass E3 	5 years	http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/pesticides/permis-en/formation/index.htm and http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/pesticides/permis-en/code-gestion-en/agricole.htm
NS	Yes (for commercial or restricted class agricultural chemicals)	Applicators Certificate of Qualification	5 years	http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/pests/faqs.asp
PEI	Yes	Class A Pesticide Applicator Certificate (for agricultural land) Class G Pesticide Applicator Certificate (for greenhouses)	5 years	http://www.gov.pe.ca/envengfor/index.php3?number=1014160&lang=E
NB	Yes (for private class applicators)	Pesticide Applicator's Certificate	1 - 5 years	http://www.gnb.ca/0009/0369/0002/0001-e.asp
NL	Yes (for commercial or restricted class agricultural chemicals)	Pesticide Applicator License	5 years	http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_protection/pesticides/business/licence.html

* Quebec is in the process of updating its requirements. There may be some producers that have older qualifications that are **still acceptable**, since not all producers have been required to switch over to the new system yet. Contact the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks for more information (http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/index_en.asp or info@mddep.gouv.qc.ca)

+ Some producers in Quebec have a 'registration card'. Eligibility for registration is based on gross annual income. See regulation M-14, r. 1 for more information (http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=3&file=/M_14/M14R1_A.HTM)