

## Requirements for Owners Spraying Their Buildings Used for the Temporary or Permanent Lodging of Others

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What are the qualifications for an individual to treat one or more of their rental houses for general pest and termite control?

The Tennessee law states that a person may not apply a pesticide within any building used for the temporary or permanent lodging of others, except under the direct supervision of a person licensed to apply pesticides in that category. To get their license, they must be certified in the respective certification category.

This individual would have to comply with the following:

- Certified in Category 7, *Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health Related*.
- Licensed in *General Pest & Rodent Control, GRC*, to spray for general pest in the house.
- Licensed in *Wood Destroying Organisms, WDO*, to treat for termites or other wood destroying organisms.
- Take the certification exam, which is \$15, paid to TDA.
- The certification exam is taken from two manuals: CORE manual (\$18) & C7 manual (\$16).
- The registration fee for training in the CORE and Category 7 is \$50. (Optional)
- Take the licensing exams, which is \$150 each, paid to TDA.
- The two licensing exams he needs are from three manuals: TDA's TN Laws & Regs (\$4 or free from TDA), GRC manual (\$40) & WDO manual (\$21).
- The registration fee for training in GRC and WDO is \$50 each. (Optional)

He would not have to be chartered, insured or bonded. But, he must qualify to take any licensing exam.

### Qualifications to take the GRC and WDO licensing exams:

- Certified in the respective category of work.
- 18 years of age and US citizen.

### Additional qualifications to take the GRC exam:

- Must have a BS degree with a major or minor in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Forestry, Horticulture, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Sciences or a similar degree.  
OR
- Registered as a pest control technician or salesperson for 24 months of full-time work experience.

### Additional qualifications to take the WDO exam:

- BS degree in one of the previously mentioned fields under GRC and one year full time work experience in WDO.  
OR
- MS or PhD in Entomology and taken the Termite Technician School.

Go to <http://psep.utk.edu> for the following:

- Click on eMarketplace to order manuals and register for certification, recertification and licensing classes.
- To download UT and TDA forms and fact sheets for the public.

TDA website is: <http://agriculture.state.tn.us/>

- To check your point status, for TDA forms and other information.