



Step-by-step guide on becoming a registered PCO

According to the law (Act 36 of 1947) a person buying or applying restricted plant protection products must apply to the Department of Agriculture to become a registered PCO to do so.

Please follow the steps below to ensure the relevant persons on your farm become accredited.

Step 1. Obtain a National Certificate in Pest Control

The first step in the process to register as a PCO is to do a course and obtain a National Certificate (NQF 4 and higher) in Pest Control. There are various service providers available. If you have a relevant agricultural or related degree, you **DO NOT** need to complete the short course.



Service Provider	Course	Format	Practical	Length	Cost	Email	Contact Numbers
Pest Management Academy	(Agriculture & Forestry (NQF 4))	Classroom E-learning	Included	3 days + 6 months practical	R5 800	Email PMA	0861 99 99 00 083 294 8022 011 453 0075
PCITA	NQF 5 Distance Learning	Distance learning	Available	Own time	R5300 + R1600 (practical)	Email PCITA	012 654 7708 083 294 8066
DeltaTrax	NQF 4 Distance Learning	Classroom Online E-learning	Possibly available	3 days	Not specified	Email DeltaTrax	012 566 3315
Grain Training Institute	NQF 5 Distance learning	Classroom Online E-learning	Not specified	Classroom 2 weeks, distance learning up to 6 months	Not specified	Email GTI	071 312 7413 083 227 8161

Please refer to the CropLife SA communication in this regard [here](#). The table above is focused on courses with National Quality Framework ratings.

Step 2. Practical Experience

The next step is to gain the necessary practical experience to accompany the National Certificate in Pest Control. Depending on the service provider used for the theory component, practical experience can be facilitated by the training institution.

The requirement is 6 months practical experience using chemical products under supervision of a registered PCO. A detailed ledger should be kept recording which products and active ingredients used and for which reasons. A sworn affidavit from your supervising PCO should accompany this ledger and must be signed off by them.

If, however, you possess an agricultural or related degree (weed science, plant pathology, entomology or other relevant degree), you may be exempted from the six-month practical experience. However, you **MUST** still submit the detailed ledger with records of products used spanning at least six months. You **DO NOT** need to have this signed off by a registered PCO.



Step 3. Application Process

With the National Certificate in Pest control, as well as the relevant practical experience in hand, you can now apply to register as a PCO.

3.1 Application Form

The link to the application form can be found [here](#). An affidavit must accompany the application.

The application fee is **R3 141.00**. Payment can be made to:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
Standard Bank
Branch: Tshwane Mid City
Branch Code: 010145 / 051001 (electronic)
Account Name: DALRRD: Act 36 of 1947
Account no: 011203102
Reference: 16 PC1- Name and Surname



3.2 Practical Experience

The form to detail your practical experience, as well as the form for the sworn affidavit can be found [here](#).

If you have a relevant agricultural or related degree, the sworn affidavit from your supervising PCO **DOES NOT** need to accompany this form.

3.3 Medical Report

The link to the medical report form can be found [here](#).

A qualified medical practitioner needs to complete the medical report. If you are registering for Aerial Application, a certified copy of the medical report issued by the Institute for Aerial Medical (IAM) can be submitted instead.

3.4. Accompanying Documents

The following documents need to be attached to your application:

- National Certificate in Pest Control (if applicable)
- Certified copies of any relevant agricultural or related degrees/ qualifications.
- Certified copy of your Identity Document.
- If applying for Aerial Application, a certified copy of a valid pilot's license, as well as a certified copy of your Aerial Crop Sprayers course certificate from the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Association of South Africa (AVCASA).
- Copy of your supervising PCO's registration certificate.
- Proof of payment of the application fee.

The application packet must be sent to:

Attention: Robert Tshwane
Agriculture Place
20 Steve Biko Street
Arcadia
Pretoria
Passage L B, First Floor, Room 7/8



4. List of restricted active ingredients

Solution	Target English	RAC Code	Active	Trade Name	Registration Number
Insecticide	European red mite, red spider mite	IRAC 6	Abamectin	Agrimec Gold	L9235
Insecticide	European red mite, red spider mite	IRAC 6	Abamectin	Abamec Plus	L5888
Insecticide	Stink bugs	IRAC 3A	Beta Cyfluthrin	Bulldock Beta 125 SC	L7612
Insecticide	Codling moth, boll worm, carob moth, FCM, Litchi moth, stinkbug	IRAC 28 + 3A	Chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin	Ampligo	L8685
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Anasac Zero 5 EC	L8903
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Attacke	L7669
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Judo 50 EC	L7785
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Karate Zeon 10 CS	L9023
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Lambda 50 EC	L7787
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Lambda EC	L8546
Insecticide	Stinkbug	IRAC 3A	Lambda-cyhalothrin	Shamda 50 EC	L10258
Fungicide	Alternaria blight, blossom blight, botrytis blight, brown rot, eastern filbert blight, scab, septoria leaf spot, shot-hole and stone fruit rust	FRAC M5	Chlorothalonil	Bravo720	L7005
Fungicide	Alternaria blight, blossom blight, botrytis blight, brown rot, eastern filbert blight, scab, septoria leaf spot, shot-hole and stone fruit rust	FRAC M5	Chlorothalonil	TalOnil 720 SC	L8935
Fungicide	Alternaria blight, blossom blight, botrytis blight, brown rot, eastern filbert blight, scab, septoria leaf spot, shot-hole and stone fruit rust	FRAC M5	Chlorothalonil	Mission 720	L8432
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Paragone 200 SL	L4588
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Enviro Paraquat	L11172
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Adama Quat	L11052
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Shinquat 200 SL	L7864
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Scorcher	L9085
Herbicide	Broadleaf weeds	HRAC D	Paraquat	Sharda Paraquat 200 SL	L9432