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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXAMINATION  
FOR  
RECIPROCAL APPLICATOR - COMMERCIAL**

**NOTE:** THIS EXAMINATION MUST BE COMPLETED SOLELY BY THE APPLICANT

REFER TO THE NEW JERSEY PESTICIDE CONTROL REGULATIONS,  
N.J.A.C. TITLE 7 CHAPTER 30, PROVIDED ON THIS WEB SITE AT  
**<https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-regs.htm>**  
TO COMPLETE THIS EXAM

Each question of this examination is to be answered with one of the three possible choices given, A, B, or C for multiple choice or just A or B for true and false questions. Always pick the answer that is most correct.

Example:                   1.       The New Jersey Pesticide Control Regulations are the:

                                  A.       N.J.A.C. Title 7 Chapter 30.  
                                  B.       Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.  
                                  C.       Worker Protection Standards.

Since the correct answer is A, you would mark circle A, next to question number 1 on your answer sheet as shown below:

1.           ● B C

Please use a lead pencil only and mark each circle completely, being careful to erase any errors or corrections completely. Avoid making any stray marks near your answer.

There are a total of 40 questions on this exam. Use spaces 1-40 on the answer sheet.

Fill in the following information at the bottom of the answer sheet:

**1.** Check the box next to the exam you are taking – *(Please note the number of questions you will need to complete.)* **2.** Print applicant's name **3.** Sign **4.** Date **5.** Enter the last four numbers of your Social Security Number

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**RECIPROCAL COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE**  
**APPLICATOR EXAM**

THIS EXAM HAS 40 QUESTIONS

- 1) Commercial Pesticide Applicators must keep records of pesticide applications for a minimum of:
  - a) five years for termite applications and three years for other applications.
  - b) seven years for fumigation applications.
  - c) Both of these are correct.
  
- 2) What should be done when applying a pesticide?
  - a) Apply a pesticide to a non-target area.
  - b) Ensure that the pesticide container has a readable label.
  - c) Call the NJ Department of Agriculture to report a reportable pesticide spill.
  
- 3) A licensed Commercial Pesticide Operator must:
  - a) work under the direct supervision of a Responsible Commercial Pesticide Applicator (RCA) who is present at the time and place of all applications.
  - b) obtain adequate training for each category he/she is working in.
  - c) supervise the use or application of any pesticide by non-licensed pesticide operators.
  
- 4) You must be a \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase restricted-use pesticides in New Jersey.
  - a) certified and licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator
  - b) certified and licensed Commercial Pesticide Operator
  - c) resident
  
- 5) You must have a \_\_\_\_\_ license to apply pesticides on a “fore-hire” basis in New Jersey.
  - a) Private Pesticide Applicator
  - b) Pesticide Applicator Business
  - c) Pesticide Technician

- 6) Anyone who sells restricted-use pesticides to an end-user in New Jersey, must be licensed as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Pesticide Dealer.
  - b) Commercial Pesticide Applicator.
  - c) Commercial Pesticide Operator.
- 7) A Reciprocal Pesticide Applicator license will be issued if:
- a) proof of valid certification from a state with a cooperative agreement with New Jersey is provided.
  - b) all applicable fees are paid and if no violation history exists in their primary state.
  - c) Both of these conditional statements are met.
- 8) Once certified and licensed in New Jersey, a Commercial Pesticide Applicator must renew his/her license:
- a) annually.
  - b) bi-annually.
  - c) every 5 years.
- 9) Most pesticide applications to NJ schools below the college level, require certification and licensing in Category \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 14 - IPM
  - b) 15 - General IPM
  - c) 13 - IPM in Schools
- 10) A Commercial Pesticide Applicator is \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for any pesticide application made by a Commercial Pesticide Operator under his/her direct supervision.
- a) solely
  - b) not
  - c) jointly and severally
- 11) In New Jersey, a licensed commercial pesticide applicator who has not become licensed with the Department for two consecutive license years shall:
- a) wait one year before they are eligible again for a license.
  - b) lose their certification status.
  - c) pay a penalty fee.

- 12) Pesticide application records must include the:
- a) date, place of application, and specific Re-Entry Interval (REI) if applicable.
  - b) recipe, name, and EPA registration number of each pesticide used.
  - c) Both of these are correct.
- 13) Any change of information on a pesticide license (change of address, employer, etc.) must be reported to the Pesticide Control Program, in writing, within \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- a) 30
  - b) 60
  - c) 90
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ needs a Responsible Certified Pesticide Applicator (RCA), who is employed by the same business, physically present when he/she is handling and using pesticides.
- a) A licensed Commercial Pesticide Operator
  - b) A Private Pesticide Applicator
  - c) An unlicensed Pesticide Operator
- 15) A Pesticide Applicator Business is \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for violations by an employee in his/her employment.
- a) not legally
  - b) jointly and severally
  - c) solely
- 16) As part of the record keeping requirements, a Commercial Pesticide Applicator must keep a separate list, in writing, of:
- a) the names, EPA registration numbers, and active ingredients of all pesticides applied.
  - b) the antidote for all pesticides in storage.
  - c) all Pesticide Dealer transactions for two years.
- 17) Which choice best completes the pesticide service container labeling requirements?
- a) Only the signal word and symbol are required on the container.
  - b) The EPA registration number, name, percentage of active ingredient(s), and the signal word are required.
  - c) The nearest location of the complete label and the manufacturer's phone number must be listed.

- 18) A tamper-resistant bait box or tray, must have attached to its exterior, a readable label with the following information about the pesticide being used:
- The brand or trade name, EPA registration number, name and % AI, and the signal word.
  - The Food and Drug Administration phone number.
  - The NJ Department of Agriculture's MIS sheet.
- 19) An inventory list of stored pesticides must be sent annually to the:
- local fire department.
  - Pesticide Control Program.
  - county health department.
- 20) A \_\_\_\_\_ must be on site when a pesticide is mixed or applied.
- legible copy of the EPA approved label
  - copy of the "Consumer Information Notice"
  - container with the Pesticide Applicator's name and license number attached
- 21) A Pesticide Applicator Business must submit proof of financial responsibility in the form of a:
- surety bond of \$50,000.
  - certificate of insurance with a liability limit of \$300,000.
  - certificate of insurance with a liability limit of \$100,000.
- 22) A pesticide service vehicle operating in New Jersey, must have the license number of the \_\_\_\_\_ prominently displayed on two sides of the vehicle.
- Commercial Pesticide Applicator
  - Pesticide Applicator Business
  - Commercial Pesticide Operator
- 23) A pesticide service vehicle operating in New Jersey, must be equipped with the following:
- absorbent material and a working fire extinguisher
  - a passenger foot well containment box
  - a spare service container and spare safety goggles

- 24) A \_\_\_\_\_ must be provided to the resident(s) of a single family home \_\_\_\_\_ the commercial application of any pesticide.
- a) “Consumer Information Notice” / prior to
  - b) DEP “Pesticide Safety” pamphlet / after
  - c) complete pesticide label / after
- 25) The “Consumer Information Notice” must include the name and telephone number of the:
- a) Pesticide Applicator Business.
  - b) Pesticide Control Program Safety Coordinator.
  - c) County Hazardous Response Coordinator.
- 26) A Commercial Pesticide Applicator must provide a customer with a copy of the pesticide application record(s) for that customer, if the request is made \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) in writing.
  - b) by telephone.
  - c) in person or by telephone.
- 27) A copy of the \_\_\_\_\_ must be provided if requested by the contracting party.
- a) Pesticide Control Regulations
  - b) label for the pesticide to be used
  - c) pamphlet “Safe Pesticide Use”
- 28) You must use \_\_\_\_\_ when using a hose to add water to a pesticide application tank.
- a) an effective backflow device.
  - b) brass connectors.
  - c) a rubber hose.
- 29) A pesticide spill that would have to be reported to the Pesticide Control Program, is a spill:
- a) inside a structure of any pesticide or more than 1 gallon liquid of any combination of pesticide/diluent.
  - b) outside a structure of any pesticide containing one-half pound active ingredient.
  - c) inside a structure only of restricted-use pesticides of more than 1 gallon of pesticide and diluent.

- 30) No person or business shall require any individual to make a pesticide application unless he/she is a trained and licensed:
- a) Pesticide Applicator for that category.
  - b) Pesticide Operator for that category.
  - c) Both of the above are correct.
- 31) Persons responsible for major pesticide violations \_\_\_\_\_ according to the NJ Grace Period Regulations.
- a) have 45 days in which to achieve compliance
  - b) automatically have their license revoked for a period of 5 years
  - c) are subject to the penalty provisions of the Pesticide Control Act
- 32) Pesticide applicators must notify registered beekeepers within \_\_\_\_\_ miles of the application site when using pesticides that are labeled toxic to bees.
- a) five
  - b) three
  - c) four
- 33) The Applicator Business license number required on the pesticide service vehicle, must be posted on both sides of the vehicle in letters at least \_\_\_\_\_ inches high and in \_\_\_\_\_ colors to the vehicle.
- a) two/contrasting
  - b) two/similar
  - c) three/contrasting
- 34) Community or area wide notification may be required for aerial, right of way, and mosquito pesticide applications performed on aggregate areas greater than \_\_\_ acres of land or water.
- a) 10
  - b) 5
  - c) 3
- 35) If a Pesticide Applicator Business has more than one place of business or more than one business name, the business is required to license each name or address separately and pay the license fee for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) only one of the locations
  - b) each one separately
  - c) only one of the names

- 36) Records required to be kept by a Pesticide Applicator Business must be kept at the:
- a) address shown on the responsible applicator's license.
  - b) "designated record location (DRL)."
  - c) place of business.
- 37) No commercial pesticide application shall be made at a pressure greater than \_\_\_\_ psi within \_\_\_\_ feet of a school property line, without first contacting a responsible school official.
- a) 80 / 100
  - b) 20 / 20
  - c) 60 / 250
- 38) The Commercial Pesticide Applicator license expires on \_\_\_\_\_ of each calendar year.
- a) October 31
  - b) December 31
  - c) June 30
- 39) Application of a fumigant requires that at least one Commercial Pesticide Applicator, who is certified and licensed in the appropriate category, be present during the:
- a) "duration of the application" and the retention period.
  - b) during the retention period only.
  - c) "duration of the application" but not the entire retention period.
- 40) Information concerning the New Jersey Pesticide Control Program and the Pesticide Control Regulations is best found:
- a) in the Scope and Definitions subchapter of the Pesticide Control Regulations.
  - b) on the Pesticide Control Program website ([www.pcpnj.org](http://www.pcpnj.org)).
  - c) on the EPA hazardous waste website.