

## EXPLANATION OF TECHNICIAN EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for certification as structural pest control technicians are divided into two classifications:

- A) General Standards Examination (General use Pesticides)
- B) Sub-category examinations (Restricted Use Pesticides)

A) General Standards (General Use Pesticides) -

The general standards examination shall be written by all applicants and shall test each applicant's general knowledge in the following areas: label and labeling comprehension, safe handling, storage and disposal of pesticides, environmental awareness, pests, and pesticide formulations, protective clothing and equipment, symptoms of pesticide poisoning, and laws and regulations. Individuals who successfully pass the general standard examination shall be entitled to use or oversee the use of any general use pesticide in accordance with this Act providing the individual meets the licensing requirements of Section 4 of the Act.

B) Sub-category Examinations (Restricted Use Pesticides) -

Any individual who satisfactorily passes the general standards examination and meets the requirements as set forth in Section 5B of the Act must satisfactorily be examined in at least one of the eight sub-category examinations described herein before the applicant will be awarded a technician's certificate to use or oversee the use of restricted pesticides.

The sub-category examinations for restricted pesticides are as follows:

- a) Insects, Rodents and Other Pests - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted pesticides for the prevention and control of: (1) Insects, mites, ticks and other related pests, but does not include termites; (2) rats, mice, squirrels and other rodents; and (3) bats and other mammalian pests.
- b) Termites and Other Wood Destroying Organisms - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted pesticides other than fumigants, in, on, or under a structure, for the prevention or control of termites and other wood destroying organisms.
- c) Birds - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted pesticides for the prevention and control of pest birds such as the English sparrow, pigeons, and starlings in, or around structures.
- d) Fumigation - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted fumigants for the control of pests in commercial and non-commercial pest control locations including, but not limited to, rail cars, trucks, ships, airplanes, docks and warehouses; and involves general, spot, tarpaulin, chamber, vehicle and in transit fumigation.

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- e) Food Processing, Manufacturing and Storage - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted pesticides for the prevention and control of pests associated with the manufacturing, processing, packaging or holding of food products for ultimate consumption by humans or animals where such products are not served or offered for sale directly to the ultimate consumer.
- f) Institutional and Multi-unit Residential Housing - includes the use or supervision of the use of restricted pesticides for the prevention and control of pests in, on, or around nursing homes, hospitals, public housing facilities, state institutions and similar structures.
- g) Public Health Pest Control - includes State, Federal or other governmental employees using or supervising the use of restricted pesticides in public health programs for the prevention and control of pests having medical and public health importance, other than mosquitoes.
- h) Wood Products Pest Control - includes the application of restricted use wood treatment pesticides by individuals working for commercial wood treatment companies or non-commercial wood treatment plants using pressure, as well as nonpressure, treatment methods to control or prevent wood degradation by wood destroying organisms which include but are not limited to insects, and by fungi or bacteria which cause surface molding, surface staining, sap staining, brown rot, white rot and soft rot.