Private Applicators

You are required to obtain Private Pesticide Applicator license if either of the following statements is true (note that you must meet the REQUIREMENT that you will be producing an agricultural, ornamental, or forestry commodity!):

- I want to purchase and use a Restricted-Use Pesticide (RUP) on my property or the property of my employer to produce an agricultural, ornamental, or forestry commodity.
- I want to supervise the use of a Restricted-Use Pesticide (RUP) on my property or the property of my employer to produce an agricultural, ornamental, or forestry commodity.

If you are interested in a Commercial Pesticide Applicator license, visit our <u>Commercial Applicators web page</u> for more information on commercial licensing.

If you are interested in a Structural Pest Control license, visit Georgia Department of Agriculture's <u>Structural Pest Control web page</u>

If you do not meet the requirements for obtaining either a Private Applicator license or a Commercial Applicator license but wish to know more about properly, safely, and effectively applying pesticides, you may wish to obtain a Georgia Competent Applicators of Pesticides Program (GCAPP) certificate by completing GCAPP training. Instructions on how to sign up for GCAPP training are outlined on the PSEP homepage in response to the final question regarding getting pesticide safety education if you're not interested in becoming a certified applicator.

Georgia Professional Certifications

How do I obtain a Private Pesticide Applicator license?

- Step 1: Purchase course access (cost is \$25.00) for the interactive Private Applicator training program though the Georgia Professional Certifications storefront on the UGA MarketPlace. Dr. Mickey Taylor (email: mickeyt@uga.edu or cell phone: 706-540-4108) will enroll students twice per day, midmorning and late afternoon, and send you an enrollment notice by email with your user name and temporary password (you will be required to reset your password when you login to gaprocerts.com for the first time).
- Step 2: Complete the new Private Applicator Training course on the Georgia
 Professional Certifications website, using the username and temporary password sent to you
 by Dr. Taylor. Follow the instructions <u>carefully!</u> You must pass the final test (a grade of 70 or
 higher) for each module in sequence (Module 1, then Module 2, followed by Module 3, and
 so on) before you will be allowed to proceed to the next module. You may retake the final test
 as many times as needed to achieve a passing grade. The time to complete the course will
 be approximately 4-5 hours for novice farmers.
- Step 3: When you have completed the training course, print the Certificate of Completion and take it with you to your county Extension agent. (Find your County Office).
- Step 4: Certify to your county Extension agent that you are engaged in the production of an agricultural, ornamental, or forestry commodity by completing the <u>Private Pesticide</u> <u>Applicator License Application</u> and complete the Verification of Lawful Presence if needed for forwarding by your county agent to the Georgia Department of Agriculture Pesticide's office.
- Step 5: The GDA Pesticides office will review your application and, when approved, send it to the Licensing Division, who will print and issue your license (usually in 3-4 weeks).
- OPTIONAL Step 6 (if you need to purchase an RUP immediately): ask your county Agent to call the Georgia Department of Agriculture Pesticides office (404-656-4958) to obtain a temporary license number to allow you to purchase and use RUPs.

How long does a Private Pesticide Applicator license last and how do I renew it?

- The initial Private Applicator license is good for five years.
- Recertification credits must be earned **no later than 90 days before your license expires**.
- If you fail to earn sufficient recertification credits before your license expires, you must repeat the Private Applicator Training Program (after 1 May 2017 follow the steps outlined for obtaining a Private Applicator license after that date).
- To renew a Private Applicator license you must earn three (3) hours of recertification credits every five years.
- Recertification credits can be earned by attending certain growers' meetings given by county
 Extension offices or by attending short courses and other meetings or viewing video
 recordings of those meetings that have been approved by the Georgia Department of
 Agriculture's Pesticides office.

A searchable database available through the <u>Georgia Department of Agriculture</u> where you can search by applicator last name, license number, or commercial license category. Approved online classes are listed on this web page as well. In addition, there is a searchable database for <u>recertification courses</u> by course title, course date, or commercial category.

Go to the <u>Georgia Professional Certifications Course Access</u> storefront on the UGA marketplace. You will see three categories of courses shown here.

Commercial Applicators

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Click on the "**Private Applicators**" course category name. This will open the Private Applicators course description page. **Click** the "**Add To Cart**" button.



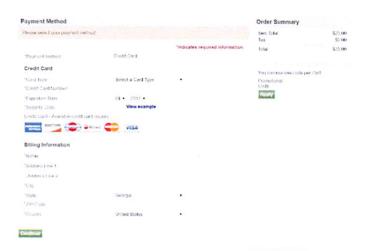
This will open your Cart, and you will see a list of "Items in your Cart" and three options under the Total.



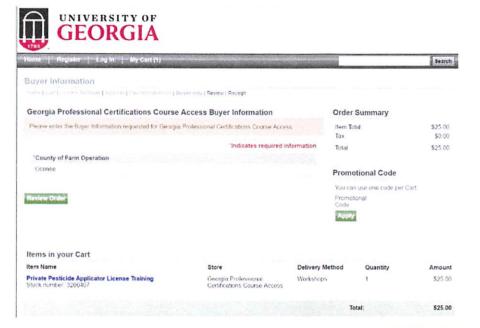
Click the "**Checkout**" button and the Address page for Contact Information will open asking you to enter your email address.



Carefully type in your email address and then **click** on the "**Continue Unregistered**" button under the Email Address box. You will be taken to the Payment Methods page where you will enter your credit card information.



Once you have done that, **click** on the "**Continue**" button. That will take you to the Buyer Information page (see the image below) where you will enter the county in which your farming or forestry operation resides (answer this question: which county's Extension agent do you call for advice and help?)



We entered Oconee as our example in this case. Click on the "Review Order" button to go to the Review Order page.

Review your order carefully and when you are satisfied click on the "Submit Order" button.

This will bring up your Order Receipt, which you can print for your records.

A copy of your Order Receipt will also be sent to your email address. The following steps will occur automatically once you submit your order. Dr. Mickey Taylor will immediately receive a notification of your order, including the name you entered on the Payment Methods page and your email address. Dr. Taylor will enroll you and other students who also have ordered the Private Applicator Training Course approximately twice each workday, around 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. He will send you an email with your user name and a temporary password. You will be required to change this temporary password when you log onto the gaprocerts.com site for the first time.

Your next step: After receiving your email from Dr. Taylor, go to the <u>Georgia Professional Certifications</u> webpage. The picture below is what you will see at the top of your screen (the list of courses will continue below Private Applicator's License). Click on (Login) in the upper right corner of the screen.



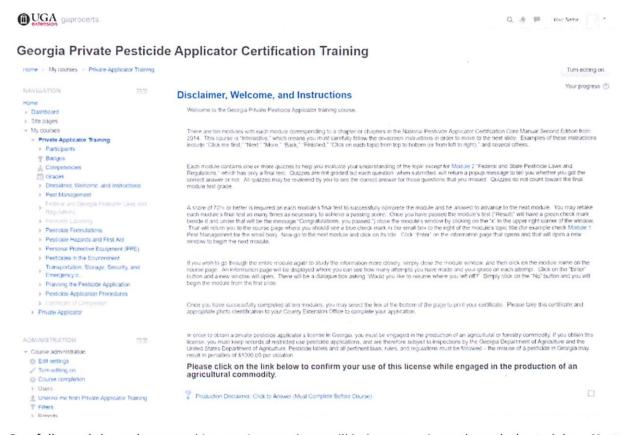
The screen will change to show the following. Enter your username and the temporary password provided by Dr. Taylor. Follow the instructions for changing your password to a permanent one of your choosing. Passwords must contain a minimum of 8 characters, at least one uppercase (capital) letter, at least one lowercase letter, one number (0-9), and one non alphanumeric character (! @ # \$ % & *).



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Once you have changed your password, you will go to the screen showing a list of available courses. Click on Georgia Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Training under the heading **Private**Applicator's License. You will then see the screen in the picture below.

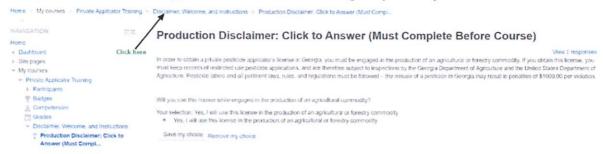


Carefully read the welcome and instructions as these will help you navigate through the training. Next, click on Production Disclaimer: Click to Answer (Must Complete Before Course) and answer the production disclaimer question. Click on the "Save my choice" button.

To return to the **Disclaimer Welcome, and Instructions** page click on the text at the end of the black arrow and green "Click here" in the picture below. (Your screen will not have the green text and black arrow; they are to show you where to click.)



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YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH THE TRAINING UNTIL YOU ANSWER THE PRODUCTION DISCLAIMER QUESTION! When you return to the **Disclaimer Welcome**, and **Instructions** page, a small check mark will be visible in the box to the far right of the Production Disclaimer.

You will now be allowed to begin the **Pest Management** topic by clicking on "Module 1" which sits below the text "Not available unless the activity Production Disclaimer: Click to Answer (Must Complete Before Course) is marked complete" (see the image below).



When you reach the final Module (Module 11), you will see that the Certificate of Completion may be printed once you complete Module 11 with a passing score. The bottom of your screen will look like this:

Pesticide Application Procedures

This module covers information presented in Chapter 11 of the National Pesticide Application Core Manual on pesticide application procedures. It begins with a discussion of application methods, proceeds to describe safety systems, application equipment, equipment calibration, and concludes with information about calculating application area.

Not available unless. The activity Module 10 is marked complete





Certificate of Completion

Upon completion of this course please print the certificate. Take it to your local County Extension Office to include with your application.

Not available unless. The activity **Module 11** is marked complete.

Certificate of Completion for Private Applicator Training

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You are logged in as Your Name (Log out)

Print your Certificate of Completion and take it to your county Extension office to complete your application for a Private Applicator's license. If you need to purchase a Restricted-Use Pesticide (RUP) before you are likely to receive your license from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (3-4 weeks from when they receive your application), you can request that your Extension office call and request a temporary license number that you can use to purchase the RUPs. This number will be the same as the number on your actual license.