



To: Property Operators and Private Applicator Certificate Holders
From: Tim Pelican, Agricultural Commissioner
Date: October 28, 2021
Regarding: Permit Renewal, Private Applicator Certificate Exams and Continuing Education

Greetings.

San Joaquin County will begin issuing 2022 pesticide permit renewals on November 16, 2021. Appointments may be scheduled in advance starting November 1, 2021. This year we will be offering two alternative renewal methods. Permits can be delivered directly to a workshop, worksite, or other open structure (field delivery) or they may be renewed virtually (requires access to a computer and internet) and issued with an electronic signature. Instructions will be provided upon permit appointment request. Walk-in appointments will be available on a limited basis, please make an appointment ahead of time.

Refer to your current permit to see when it will expire and if it will need to be renewed this year. Growers of row crops must renew annually. Be sure to notify us of any changes to your permit (contact information, license holders, pesticides used, or crop type/size) in advance so that we may update your permit ahead of time and reduce your wait time. If you need to add a new site to your permit/operator identification number that you do not own, you will need to provide either a copy of the lease established with the owner or have an authorized representative form filled out in advance (this form is available on our website).

Scheduling an Appointment

To renew your Restricted Materials Permit, Operator Identification Number, or take the Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) exam, appointments can be booked through the online appointment scheduler. Access the San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner's website at <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/agcomm/default> and click on "Online Appointment Scheduler" under "Quick Links." Follow the prompted steps to reserve your appointment.

2022 Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) Exams

This renewal cycle includes certificate holders whose last name begins with A-H. If you do not meet the minimum continuing education hours required for PAC renewal, you are required to

retake the exam. Only the Stockton Office will be administering PAC exams. Exams are available in English and Spanish.

“Pesticide Safety – A Reference Manual for Private Applicators,” is the recommended study guide that can be purchased from the UCCE website at: <https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/>.

2022 Continuing Education (CE)

We are excited to announce the return of our in-person CE meetings. In-person CE meetings will be offered by reservation only as there is limited capacity in order to keep distance between attendees. Please refer to the “2021 Grower Meetings” handout or contact our office for specific dates and topics. Please be aware that no extra CE credit hours will be earned for repeat courses in the same month.

If you are unable to attend the in-person CE meeting or need additional CE credit, we are offering CE courses that can be taken at any time online. The website is at: sj-ce.org

Please call or email us with any questions. Our main phone line is (209) 953-6000, and our main email is stocktonag2@sjgov.org