

901:5-4-03

**Education requirements.**

(A) Each applicant for a fertilizer certificate shall successfully complete a department approved agricultural nutrient training course which, at a minimum, educates the applicant on the following:

- (1) The proper times to apply fertilizer, including time of day and time of season;
- (2) The proper place to apply fertilizer;
- (3) The form of fertilizer that should be applied;
- (4) The proper amount of fertilizer to be applied;
- (5) The storage and handling of fertilizer; and
- (6) The proper fertilizer application techniques.

~~(B) Except as provided in this paragraph, all applicants for a fertilizer certificate must complete three hours of agricultural nutrient training. The following individuals are exempted from this requirement:~~

- ~~(1) Individuals who, at the time of their initial application for a fertilizer certificate, maintain a valid and current pesticide applicator license as outlined in Chapter 921. of the Revised Code shall complete a minimum of two hours of agricultural nutrient training.~~
- ~~(2) Individuals who, at the time of their renewal application for a fertilizer certificate, maintain a valid and current fertilizer certificate under the rules of this chapter, shall complete a minimum of two hours of agricultural nutrient training.~~

(B) Each applicant for an initial fertilizer certificate shall complete one of the following educational requirements, if applicable, within twelve months prior to applying for certification:

- (1) A minimum of three hours of agricultural nutrient training as set forth in this rule.
- (2) Individuals whom have demonstrated that they possess adequate knowledge of the fertilizer training requirements set forth in this rule by successfully passing a fertilizer examination approved by the department within twelve months of applying for certification.

(C) Each applicant whom possesses a valid and current fertilizer certificate and wishes to renew their certificate shall complete one of the following educational requirements:

- (1) One hour of agricultural nutrient training as set forth in this rule.
  - (2) Individuals may demonstrate that they possess adequate knowledge of the fertilizer training requirements set forth in this rule by successfully passing a fertilizer examination approved by the department within twelve months of applying for certification.
  - (3) Individuals whom have obtained their fertilizer certificate within twelve months of applying for a renewal certificate are not required to complete the renewal educational requirements found in paragraphs (C)(1) and (C)(2) of this rule.
- ~~(C) Each applicant shall successfully complete a course which satisfies paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule within twenty-four months prior to submitting an application, including renewal applications, for a fertilizer certificate.~~
- (D) Opportunity to take a fertilizer applicator course will be provided at such times and places as approved by the director in consideration of the number and location of requests for courses.
- (E) The following individuals are exempted from the education requirements found in this rule:
- (1) Individuals whom have provided evidence that they have completed the training provided in accordance with the "certified crop advisor" program conducted by the "American society of agronomy."
  - (2) Individuals who hold a valid and current livestock managers certification under section 903.07 of the Revised Code.

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