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 below, 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.
- (C) Each applicant shall successfully complete a course which satisfies paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule within 24 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

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section 903.07 of the Revised Code.

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