

(g) "*Custom applicator*" means any person who, for hire, in this State, by contract or otherwise, applies by aerial, ground, or any hand or mechanical equipment, pesticides, to any waters, land, plants, farm structures or animals.

(h) "*Pest control consultant*" means any person who, for a fee, offers or supplies technical advice or supervision, or recommends the use of specific pesticides, for the purpose of controlling pests in any waters, lands, plants, farm structures or animals.

(i) "*Pest control operator*" means a person engaged, for hire, in the business of structural pest control, commercial extermination or fumigation, or in any other service involving the use of pesticides or devices in this State for the control, eradication, mitigation, or prevention of pests in or around houses or buildings.

110A-2.

(a) Each custom applicator, [or] pest control consultant, and pest control operator is required to obtain an annual license from the Board, subject to the exemptions of Section 110A-5.

(b) Each application must be accompanied by a license fee and evidence of such financial responsibility as shall be required by the Board.

(c) All fees collected under the provisions of this subtitle shall be placed in a special fund known as the "Pesticide Fund" which fund is hereby appropriated to the Board and shall be used for the administration of the provisions of this subtitle.

110A-3.

The Board, by suitable administrative procedures, including public hearings when appropriate, shall:

(a) Establish qualifications for licensing in each category to assure competence and responsibility in the application of pesticides. IN ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS, FORMAL EDUCATION IN ENTOMOLOGY, PEST CONTROL AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED. EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE SHALL DEMONSTRATE HIS COMPETENCE TO SAFELY USE AND APPLY PESTICIDES IN MARYLAND BY SATISFACTORILY PASSING A WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL EXAMINATION PREPARED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD. SUCH LICENSE, ONCE GRANTED, SHALL THEREAFTER BE RENEWABLE ANNUALLY BY PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED LICENSE FEE, DEMONSTRATION OF THE REQUIRED EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND SATISFACTORY KNOWLEDGE OF THE USE OF PESTICIDES. ANY APPLICANT FOR A PEST CONTROL OPERATOR'S LICENSE WHO MAKES APPLICATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1973 AND WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED AS A PEST CONTROL OPERATOR FOR THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF HIS APPLICATION SHALL MAY BE ISSUED A LICENSE UPON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, AND UPON DEMONSTRATION OF THE REQUIRED ESTIMATES OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SATISFACTORY KNOWLEDGE OF THE USE OF PESTICIDES.