

regulation, qualifications for licensing AND CERTIFICATION in each category established by § 5-207 to assure competence and responsibility in the application of pesticides. [In establishing these qualifications the Secretary shall consider formal education in entomology and pest control, as well as practical experience.]

(b) The Secretary may issue licenses AND CERTIFICATES only to an applicant who meets the requirements established by the Department.

(c) The Secretary may establish the conditions under which licenses AND CERTIFICATES may be revoked OR SUSPENDED.

(d) The Secretary may establish minimum requirements for financial responsibility for all damages which may be incurred in the commercial application of pesticides.

5-207.

(a) Each custom applicator, pest control consultant, [and] pest control [operator] APPLICATOR, AND PUBLIC AGENCY APPLICATOR shall obtain an annual [license] CERTIFICATE INDICATING COMPETENCE IN ONE OR MORE ESTABLISHED CATEGORIES from the Secretary [,.]. EACH PRIVATE APPLICATOR SHALL OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE WHICH SHALL REQUIRE PERIODIC RENEWAL AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY [unless he is exempt by § 5-208].

(b) [[[]]Each application FOR A CERTIFICATE BY A PEST CONTROL CONSULTANT, PEST CONTROL APPLICATOR, AND CUSTOM APPLICATOR shall be accompanied by a [[\$30 license fee and evidence of financial responsibility as required by the Secretary. [[]]] FEES FOR CERTIFICATES FOR PEST CONTROL CONSULTANTS, PEST CONTROL APPLICATORS, CUSTOM APPLICATORS AND PRIVATE APPLICATORS SHALL BE REASONABLE AND DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY]] \$50 CERTIFICATE FEE PLUS \$25 FOR EACH CATEGORY IN EXCESS OF ONE. EACH APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE [[APPLICATORS]] APPLICATOR'S CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE TO BE SET BY THE SECRETARY, BUT NOT TO EXCEED \$7.

(c) Each applicant shall demonstrate his competence to use and apply pesticides safely in the State by passing a written or oral examination prepared and administered by the Department [.]; THERE SHALL BE NO CHARGE FOR AN INITIAL EXAMINATION, PROVIDED THAT PEST CONTROL APPLICATORS, PEST CONTROL CONSULTANTS AND CUSTOM APPLICATORS SHALL PAY \$10 FOR EACH CATEGORY OF EXAMINATION AFTER THE INITIAL EXAMINATION.

(d) [Once granted, each license] EACH CERTIFICATE shall be renewed [annually] upon payment of the [license]