# PRIVATE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION 2020 - 2021

**Program Suggestions**

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| General Safety | S           | - Emergency Response and Spill Management  
- Glyphosate Toxicology  
- IPM Decisions / Resources  
- Label Comprehension Exercise  
- PPE Demonstration / PPE Gameshow for Large Audiences  
- Pollinator Protection / Field Watch & Bee Check  
- Protecting Non-Target Organisms  
- Safety Review (tailored to audience, using a game format)  
- Respirators                                                                                                                                                  | 90, 91                 |
| Legal Update   | L           | **Full Legal Update Required at ALL Recertification Courses including:**  
**Federal Issues**  
- Pesticide Product Registration Status & Label Changes  
- Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule  
- USDA Recordkeeping Requirements and Recommendations  
- Worker Protection Standard Update / Compliance Assistance  
**State Issues**  
- Applicator Certification Regulation Changes  
- Business License Regulation Changes  
- Common Violations  
- Enforcement/Product Registration Regulation Changes  
- OPS Inspections and Investigations  
- VA Pollinator Management Plan  
- VDACS Disposal & Recycling Programs                                                                                                                                                        | 90, 91                 |
| Pest Management and Application Technology | P           | **Category-Specific Pest Management Presentations:**  
- ID and Management of Insect Pests / Insect ID Game  
- ID and Management of Plant Diseases  
- ID and Management of Weeds  
- Resistance Issues with Pests  
- New Herbicide / Seed Technologies: *products, use patterns, stewardship tactics* *w/ emphasis on drift mitigation*, efficacy, and resistance management  
- Top 5 or 10 Pest Management Issues of Local Importance: *Spotted Lanternfly, Asian Longhorn Tick, Red Imported Fire Ant, Aquatic Weeds, Noxious Weeds, Issues w/ Hemp, etc.*  
- Management of Boxwood Blight  
- Vertebrate Pest Management  

**Category-Specific Application/Handling Equipment Demonstrations:**  
- Proper Configuration and Safe Operation of Spray Application Equipment: *nozzle selection, calibration, selecting formulations, drift management*  
- Water Quality for Spray Mixes – Pilot Water Testing Program                                                                                                                                                        | Continued              |

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**NOTE**

This sample program lists topics and materials from the last two in-service sessions. These are program suggestions, not requirements. It is **not** necessary to include all topics in a program (with the exception of the Legal Update provided by VDACS – this is required!). Recertification is on a biennial cycle. You may be able to use effective lessons two years in a row.

**For Additional Ideas and Program Support Materials, Refer to:**

- Virginia Pesticide Safety Educators Workshop Canvas Site: ([https://canvas.vt.edu/](https://canvas.vt.edu/))
  - (All ANR agents have access to the Canvas site – must login using your VT PID and password.)
  - Resources such as Certification and Recertification Information, Training Modules, Instructor’s Guides, PowerPoints, Factsheets, and Evaluation Templates can be found here.
- “Agents” section of the VT Pesticide Programs website: ([https://vtpp.ento.vt.edu/](https://vtpp.ento.vt.edu/))
  - (Information is available here, along with a Canvas login button.)
  - Training Opportunities
  - New Agents and Specialists
  - Agent Resources
  - Forms
  - FAQs
- Private Applicator Recertification Calendar (On VTPP website, click ‘Menu > Agents > Training Opportunities > Private Applicator Recertification Training Courses’):
  - The PAR calendar includes a list of all courses and corresponding credits. This may be useful when searching for program ideas, and finding courses for clients.
- Agendas of previous Pesticide Safety Educators Workshops
  - (Located in Canvas – click ‘Modules’ button to view.)
- VCE Educator’s Kits (white 3-ring binders + materials)
  - (Most kit content is also available online in Canvas.)
- Program support materials placed in unit offices, planning districts, or districts.

**Recertification Program Topics That are **Always** Relevant Include:**

- New pest management methods.
- New pest management products.
- Proper use of pesticide products; pesticide management.
- Effective and proper use of handling devices, proper protective equipment (PPE) and application equipment.
- Equipment calibration.
- Integrated pest management (IPM).
- Identification and management of pests of local importance.