



### 2022 PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

Private Applicator Certificates (PAC) allow you to train employees as pesticide handlers or fieldworkers. PAC are valid for 3 years, expiring on December 31 of the expiration year. A new applicant must pass a written examination with a minimum score of 70%.

To renew the certification, the cardholder is required to obtain six hours of continuing education (two hours in laws and regulations) during the 3 year period **or** pass a written recertification exam with a score of 70% or better. You must provide the department with copies of certificates of completion for courses attended. The renewal schedule is based on the first letter of your last name. Your initial certification will be pro-rated to sync with the renewal schedule. During this transitional period, growers may obtain continuing education in pro-rated increments of two, four, or six hours of continuing education based on when their certification expires.

If your PAC is not renewed within 90 days of expiration, you will be required to take and pass the recertification exam. Private Applicator Certification and Recertification exams are given at the San Mateo County Agriculture Dept. offices by appointment only.

### **CERTIFICATION PERIODS AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **LAST NAME: A THROUGH H**

Certificates issued for last names beginning **A through H** will expire **December 31, 2024**. The certificate holder must obtain six hours of continuing education before December 31, 2021 **or** pass the written private applicator recertification examination before a new certificate is issued.

#### **LAST NAME: I THROUGH Q**

Certificates issued for last names beginning **I through Q** will expire **December 31, 2022**. The certificate holder must obtain six hours of continuing education by December 31, 2022 **or** pass the written private applicator recertification examination before a new certificate is issued. The new certificate will expire on December 31, 2022.

#### **LAST NAME: R THROUGH Z**

Certificates issued for last names beginning **R through Z** will expire **December 31, 2023**. The certificate holder must obtain six hours of continuing education before December 31, 2023 **or** pass the written private applicator recertification examination before a new certificate is issued.

Contact our Department at (650) 363-4700 for information on approved continuing education courses, or to make an appointment to renew your card.

Our annual Grower Meeting will be on Dec. 8, 2021 at the Half Moon Bay Library and via Zoom. Please see the attached agenda and with directions to RSVP for the Zoom or in person event.