

Licensing of Pesticide Dealers in Florida¹

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This document explains who needs a pesticide dealer license in Florida, how to obtain the license, and what records are required to be kept by pesticide dealers.

Who needs a license?

All persons, including individuals, businesses, and other entities, who sell, hold for sale, or offer for sale restricted-use pesticides into or within the state of Florida must have a pesticide dealer license issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). A license is required regardless of whether sale/distribution of restricted-use pesticides is to end users or to other dealers or distributors. If a company has more than one business location, each location must have a separate license. Licenses are not transferable from one company to another. Transport of pesticides from one location to another without change in ownership of the products is not considered distribution and does not require a license. No pesticide dealer license is required in Florida for the sale or distribution of general-use or unclassified pesticides.

How does a person obtain and renew the license?

Unlike applicator licenses, there is no certification or exam requirement to get a Florida pesticide dealer license. The only requirement for the license is to submit a completed license application and license fee of \$250/year to FDACS. License applications may be downloaded from <http://forms.freshfromflorida.com/13337.pdf> or obtained by

calling FDACS at (850) 617-7997.

How long are licenses valid?

The pesticide dealer license is valid for 12 months and generally expires at the end of the month one year from issue date. License renewal notices are mailed approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date. Pesticide dealer licenses must be renewed before they expire, or a new license must be obtained to continue sale and distribution of restricted use pesticides in Florida. The renewal fee is \$250/year. Renewed licenses generally expire one year from the previous expiration date.

What records do dealers record and maintain?

Licensed pesticide dealers must maintain the following records relating to the sale or exchange of restricted-use pesticides:

- a. Date of sale.
- b. Name and license number of licensed applicator making or authorizing the purchase.
- c. Name of authorized purchase agent purchasing the pesticide product, if applicable.
- d. Brand name and EPA registration number of each product sold or exchanged.

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- e. Size and number of containers of each product sold or exchanged.
- f. Date and location where delivery was made if the pesticide dealer delivered the product to a location not on the premises of the dealership.

The information listed in (a) through (e) shall be recorded immediately at the time of sale or exchange and may be incorporated into billing invoices or other business transaction records. The information required in (f) shall be recorded immediately after product delivery, when applicable, and may be incorporated into billing invoices or other business transaction records.

How long do dealers keep the records and who is authorized to access them?

Pesticide dealers are required to retain all of the recorded information for a period of 2 years from the date of the sale or exchange in a manner that is accessible by authorized FDACS representatives. Upon written request by an authorized FDACS representative, a licensed dealer shall make available the records required to be maintained under this rule and shall permit the authorized representative to copy or photograph any of the records. The original records shall be maintained by the licensed dealer.

Additional Information

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement: (850) 617-7997 or <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Pest-Control/Licensing-and-Certification> (Accessed February 2022)

Licensed pesticide dealer search: <https://aessearch.fdacs.gov/DealerSearch.asp> (Accessed February 2022)

Licensed pesticide applicator search: <https://aessearch.fdacs.gov/PersonSearch.asp> (Accessed February 2022)