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Study Guidance Limited and Rancher Private Applicator Exams

What are the study material for the Limited & Rancher Private Applicator exams?

The two study materials for the Limited and Rancher Private Applicator exams are available from Washington State University (WSU). The *Private Applicator Pesticide Education Manual* (MISC0126) can be ordered directly online at [WSU Publications](#) or by calling (800) 723-1763. You can also order this study manual by downloading, completing and mailing the [WSU Pesticides Study Material Order Form](#) per the instructions on the form. The manual may also be available from your local extension offices. You will also need the [Weed Control Training Supplement for Limited Private Applicators and Rancher Private Applicators](#) (MISC0547E).

What information is covered on the two exams?

Both the **Limited and Rancher Private Applicator** exams include questions on general pesticide law, safety and application topics. Both exams extensively cover pest management, weeds and weed control. The **Rancher Private Applicator** also includes questions on vertebrate pest control. Neither exam includes questions on insects, diseases or their control.

What sections of the manual do I need to study?

Study the entire on-line weed supplement and all sections of the *Private Applicator Pesticide Education Manual* **EXCEPT** the following:

- How Organophosphate or Carbamate Insecticides Poison
- Management of Insects and Mites
- Plant Diseases and Plant Health

Those studying for the Rancher Private Applicator exam should study the section on “Vertebrate Pest Management” while those studying for the Limited Private Applicator do **NOT** need to study this section.

Where can I learn more about Pesticide Licensing?

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