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Guide to Obtaining a Commercial Pesticide Firm Registration Environmental Health Guide

The following information is provided to assist persons requiring registration of a commercial pesticide firm.

Note: This registration is additional to the business registration with Corporate Affairs.

1. The Health (Pesticides) Regulations 1956, requires that all commercial pesticide firms are registered with the Department of Health (DOH).
2. The Regulations state: “No person shall carry on the trade, business or profession of the use of pesticides for gain or reward unless that person is a licenced pesticide operator employed by a registered commercial pesticide firm”.
3. Registration will not be issued unless a Full Pesticide Licence holder has been nominated as being employed by the firm and is responsible for the application of pesticides on behalf of the firm requiring registration.
4. The owner or proprietor of the firm need not be a licenced pesticide operator, but the firm must employ a Fully Licenced Pesticide Operator at all times.
5. **The Local Government in which you propose to locate your firm, may require you to apply for a home occupancy permit if you are conducting your business in a residential area. Regardless of where you intend to locate your firm, some form of approval is required from the Local Government. To speed up the firm registration process, please ensure that you have obtained all the required permits, and attach these to your application form.**
6. The Local Government may place conditions on any such approval where it is proposed to conduct the firm from a residential area, or may reject the proposal requiring the business to be conducted from an industrial area. Conditions may also be imposed in these areas.
7. The DOH advises Local Governments that the operation of a firm involving a single pest control vehicle from a residential area is generally low risk, manageable and should not present a problem to adjoining residents. This assessment is conditional that all pesticides are stored in a locked metal cabinet on the pest management vehicle.
8. If a firm proprietor requires an additional or separate pesticide storage area, it must receive the approval of the Local Government.
9. Any motor vehicles used on behalf of the firm for the application of pesticides for gain or reward must display the name of the firm and the registration number in letters not less than 40mm in height, issued by the DOH.
10. All motor vehicles intended to be used by a firm for the application of pesticides must be presented to the DOH for inspection, or the Local Government Environmental Health Officer, if located outside of the metropolitan area prior to use.



11. It is the responsibility of the firm proprietor to ensure that licenced pesticide operators are provided with suitable personal protective equipment and clothing, whilst handling and applying pesticides and that all equipment must be maintained in efficient working order.
12. Except for seasonal agricultural contractors involved in broadhectare agricultural spraying, all persons employed by a firm to apply pesticides or provide advice on the use of pesticides, must be in possession of a current pesticide operators licence.
13. The application form for the registration of a pesticide firm should be completed and returned together with the annual fee of **\$280** plus any permits issued by the Local Government.

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