

Reciprocity License (803-36)

What is a Reciprocal License?

In the event of a shortage of Commercial Applicators in a specific category, the Commissioner may waive certification requirements for a Commercial Applicator who is currently certified in another state or territory to become certified in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Applicator's certification must be comparable to the initial certification requirements in the territory.

What is required to determine a shortage of Commercial Applicators? / What situations allow for reciprocal licensing?

When demand for Applicators cannot be met for a category or subcategory through Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) approved training, reciprocal licenses may be approved by the Commissioner. This includes emergency situations that create a short-term unmet demand for Commercial Applicators in a specific category or when a new category or subcategory is created for which the DPNR has not yet approved training.

Are there requirements to meet for reciprocal certifications?

A Commercial Applicator applying for a reciprocity license must meet all the initial certification requirements, including being at least 18 years old, providing proof of financial responsibility, submitting a DPNR supplied application form, paying a partial fee (1/4 of the normal Commercial Applicator fee), providing proof of certification from an approved agency, demonstrating knowledge of the pesticide regulations and fulfilling any other requirements as determined by the Commissioner.

If I receive a reciprocal license, can I renew it?

The reciprocal pesticide certifications cannot be renewed. However, if there is still a demand and the Commissioner approves, an applicator may reapply for a reciprocal license.

How long will my reciprocal license be valid for if I have a five-year license that was just issued before I traveled to the Virgin Islands?

Your reciprocal license would be valid for the period of time during which the shortage of Commercial Applicators has occurred and for which a waiver was granted, but it must not exceed four years.

If my Commercial Applicator Certification will expire within a year, but the reciprocal license is needed for a longer period, will I need to be recertified to continue using my reciprocal license or will it still be valid based on the waiver?

Your reciprocal license will be based on the approval granted by the Commissioner. Additional factors considered by the Commissioner in determining whether to revoke, suspend or deny a reciprocal license are outlined in Section 803-37 of the Pesticide Rules and Regulations at:

<https://dpmr.vi.gov/environmental-protection/pesticides-control-program>