



# Changes to Urban Pest Management Training and Licensing

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The new nationally recognised training package CPP30119 - Certificate III in Urban Pest Management is approved for licensing in WA. This course supersedes the previous CPP30115 Certificate III in Urban Pest Management.

Any person who wants to become an urban pest management technician in WA and completes training for a specific endorsement area **after the 29th September 2021** will need to obtain a qualification statement with the new national units of competency for pest management technicians. The new national units of competency will be recognised by the Department.

Anyone who completes the urban pest management training for a specific endorsement area **prior to the 29th September 2021**, will be permitted to provide a qualification statement with the superseded units of competency, as these units continue to be recognised by the Department.

## Do I need a provisional licence?

A provisional licence will now be required for any new applicant who has enrolled in the units outlined below and who wishes to apply for a licence to undertake the following pest treatments:

- commercial domestic pests – with and without termites and timber pests
  - **CPPUPM3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides**
- termite treatment of power poles
  - **CPPUPM3010 Control timber pests**
- feral pigeon control
  - **CPPUPM3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides**
- fumigation
  - **CPPUPM3011 Manage organisms by applying fumigants to commodities and environments.**

The practical training and assessment for the above units now require an actual treatment to be done in a real workplace. For more information, please visit the [training.gov.au](https://training.gov.au) website.

## Do I need a provisional licence if I am adding a new endorsement to my licence?

No. However, you will have a condition on your licence requiring supervision for any treatment that is required as part of your practical assessment in urban pest management or fumigation. The

condition on your licence will remain until you provide evidence that you are competent in all the required training units for the endorsement you seek.

### **Will the changes affect existing technicians or pest management business registrations?**

The renewal of existing PMT licenses and/or the registration of pest management businesses will not be affected by the new national urban pest management training units.

### **If I reactivate my expired licence, will I be required to complete the new training units for my existing endorsements?**

No, the new provisional licensing requirements only apply to technicians who complete urban pest management training after the **29th September 2021** and have not previously held a pest management licence in any State or territory in Australia.

### **What changes will affect pest management businesses?**

Pest management businesses have a duty to ensure that provisional licence technicians are supervised by a fully licenced pest management technician until they are upgraded to a full licence of their own.

Provisional technicians will need to treat different types of pests across a number of premises/workplaces to successfully complete the following training units:

- **CPPUPM3006- Manage pests by applying pesticides,**
- **CPPUPM3010 - Control timber pests, or**
- **CPPUPM3011- Manage organisms by applying fumigants to commodities and environments**

Direct supervision is required for employees under 18 years of age. The licensed supervisor will need to sign off all pest management treatments. The licensed supervisor must be an experienced Pest Management Technician (PMT) endorsed in the same pest treatments being supervised. The PMT is responsible for all work for employees under 18 years of age.

Employees that are over 18 years of age and have been employed as a provisional technician for more than 30 working days, may work under indirect supervision of a licensed and experienced PMT endorsed in the same pest treatments being undertaken, until the employee upgrades to a full PMT licence.

### **Why is a provisional licence for certain endorsement areas now required?**

The *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* require a person to hold a licence for any pest management treatment.

A provisional pest management technician licence for the listed endorsement areas is required prior to completing the practical training for the specified units below:

- commercial domestic pests – with and without termites and timber pests,
  - **CPPUPM3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides**
- termite treatment of power poles,
  - **CPPUPM3010 Control timber pests**

- feral pigeon control
  - **CPPUPM3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides**
- fumigation
  - **CPPUPM3011 Manage organisms by applying fumigants to commodities and environments.**

To comply with the regulations, all trainees completing these units will be required to obtain a letter from their registered training organisation confirming completion of the theory component to apply for a provisional licence with the Department.

Provisional licences must be granted prior to the trainee applying any pesticide or fumigant.

### What are the number of treatments I need to complete?

**CPPUPM3006** requires candidates to apply pesticides internally and/or externally, in ten different residential and/or commercial premises (with at least two premises being a real workplace).

**CPPUPM3010** requires candidates to apply pesticides internally and/or externally, in ten different residential and/or commercial premises (with at least two premises being a real workplace).

**CPPUPM3011** requires candidates to demonstrate successful fumigation of five different sites for example, sensitive or complex premises. Fumigations must be conducted with at least one other person and supervised by a licensed fumigator. Of the five required fumigations two must be conducted in a real workplace and three may be simulated.

For more information, please visit the [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au) website.

### How do I apply for a Provisional Pest Management Technician Licence?

Submit a [PS2 application](#) for a provisional licence and include:

- A letter from the training organisation confirming for completion of the theory component of pre-requisite units **CPPUPM3006**, **CPPUPM3010** or **CPPUPM3011** (after the **29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**).
- Provide evidence of enrolment in other units relevant to the chosen endorsement area.
- Provide evidence of employment with a registered pest management business.

Once a provisional licence is granted, practical training in various types of pest management treatment in the workplace can commence under personal supervision or under the general supervision of experienced technician(s), who are endorsed in the same area.

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