



Confidential medical examination form

Information for examining doctor

Under the *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011* (the Regulations), a person must be medically fit to be licenced as a pest management technician.

During their employment in the Pest Management Industry, technicians will be exposed daily to a variety of pesticides in poisons schedules 4 to 7.

There is a growing body of evidence that even low level exposure to some pesticides leads to long term harm when best practice is not used when handling pesticides. Accidental mishandling of dangerous pesticides can lead to loss of life for the operator, bystanders and the public.

The tasks of the job require that the technician is physically fit to:-

- work in ceiling spaces and under building crawl spaces if required.
- lift and carry up to 15 kg of equipment.
- Read and understand labels on pesticide containers.
- Operate hand held and mechanical spraying equipment.
- Wear a tightly fitting respirator mask; or a self-contained breathing apparatus if required.

An applicant with any current systemic or focal condition may not be medically fit to work as a pest management technician if there is a concern of sudden medical incapacity or disablement due to :-

- a skeletal condition
- a neurological condition
- a respiratory condition - An applicant with an FEV1/FVC ratio <65% will require careful consideration before certifying as fit.
- a metabolic or endocrine condition
- a skin condition – inflamed and broken skin of any cause should be resolved before certifying as fit.
- Poor visual acuity - monocular vision may be permissible if there is normal peripheral vision in that eye. If the applicant cannot meet 6/12 or N6 binocular (with correction) then consideration should be given to an optometry referral with subsequent reassessment.
- Poor aural acuity - reasonable hearing is required in normal operations including communicating by radio and in an emergency. In the event of concern about an applicant's ability to hear spoken words in the doctor's surgery a pure-tone audiogram and/or an audiology assessment should be arranged. An average threshold poorer than 40dB in each ear in the range 0.5 – 2.0 kHz may be disqualifying unless adequate aids are worn.

Information for the applicant

Attach the completed form to your licence application.



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Applicant to complete

Surname:		Given name(s):	
Gender:		Date of Birth:	
Address:			
Mobile:		Telephone:	
Employer:			

Examining doctor to complete

I have read the "Information for Examining Doctor" and examined _____
(applicant name)
in relation to their safety to work as an occupational pest management technician.

I certify that he / she: *(check boxes below)*

Yes No

- is able to perform heavy physical work carrying equipment in uncontrolled environments
- is able to wear self-contained breathing apparatus, if required
- is able to work in a confined space, if required
- is able to manage any medical condition that will impact their health and safety in this role
- overall is considered fit to be a pest management technician

Date of Examination: _____

Medical Practitioner's Name: _____

Registration/Provider #: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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