

Qualified Applicator License/Certificate Fumigation Categories

Beginning July 2023, DPR has two new fumigation categories available for Qualified Applicator License (QAL) and Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) holders. If you perform pest control using a pesticide labeled as a fumigant, you must obtain the new Soil Fumigation (Category L) and/or Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) category(ies). If applicable, DPR encourages individuals to obtain the required fumigant use category(ies) prior to January 1, 2024 to continue conducting fumigant pest control activities uninterrupted in 2024.

Included below is a category description, application form, and study material information for these new categories.

Questions may be directed to LicenseMail@cdpr.ca.gov.

Soil Fumigation (Category L)

Category Description

Category L – Soil Fumigation

- 1) Perform pest control using a pesticide labeled as a fumigant to:
 - a. Control soil pests in sites including: fields, forests, golf courses, greenhouses, and individual tree or vine hole sites.
- 2) This category does not include non-soil fumigations covered by Category (M).

Application Forms

Apply for the Soil Fumigation (Category L) category using the **new** application form(s):

- [Qualified Applicator License Application](#) (LIC-001)
- [Qualified Applicator Certificate Application](#) (LIC-001A)

Study Materials

The study manual for the new Soil Fumigation (Category L) will be available July 2023. Visit [DPR's Certification and Training webpage](#) for information.

Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M)

Category Description

Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M)

- 1) Perform pest control using a pesticide labeled as a fumigant to:
 - a. Fumigate enclosed areas including: tarpaulin-covered structures and commodities, vaults, chambers, greenhouses, vans, boxcars, ships, planes, and vehicles, containing:
 - i. Agricultural commodities for post-harvest fumigation; or
 - ii. Nonfood/nonfeed materials including but not limited to: pallets; dunnage; furniture; burlap bags; planting medium, including potting soil and potting mix; and wine barrels and corks.
 - b. Fumigate pest burrows in sites including, but not limited to: fields, rights-of-way, ditches, landscaping, and equipment yards.
 - c. Fumigate sewer lines, in-service utility poles, or other fumigations not covered by Category L – Soil Fumigation [6530(I)].
- 2) This category does not include structural pest control required to be licensed under Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 8500) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.

Application Forms

Apply for the Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) category using the **new** application form(s):

- [Qualified Applicator License Application](#) (LIC-001)
- [Qualified Applicator Certificate Application](#) (LIC-001A)

Study Materials

The study manual for the new Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) will be available July 2023. Visit [DPR's Certification and Training webpage](#) for information.