

Section 105. Minimum Qualifications -County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist.

~~The following are the minimum qualifications for admission to the licensing examination for County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist:~~

~~Either I~~

~~Possession of one or more valid statewide specific category licenses as a County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist;~~

~~Or II~~

~~Education:~~

~~Possession of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college with specialization in one or more appropriate disciplines in agricultural or biological sciences as determined by the Secretary.~~

~~The scope of the licensing examination may include the following:~~

~~Wide knowledge of: provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations, and related Federal laws and regulations pertaining to the following specific categories for which the candidate elects to qualify:~~

- ~~1. Pesticide Regulation~~
- ~~2. Investigation and Environmental Monitoring~~
- ~~3. Integrated Pest Management~~
 - ~~a. Insect and Disease Pest Management~~
 - ~~b. Vertebrate Pest Management~~
 - ~~c. Weed Control~~

~~d. Apiary Regulation~~

~~4. Commodity Regulation~~

~~5. Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation~~

~~a. Plant Quarantine and Pest Detection~~

~~b. Nursery and Seed Regulation~~

~~General knowledge of laws, regulations and functions relating to the office of County Agricultural Commissioner; the agricultural industry in California.~~

~~Ability to: interpret and apply the provisions of laws and regulations relating to the office of the County Agricultural Commissioner; deal tactfully and effectively with persons contacted on enforcement matters; establish and maintain cooperative relations with others; analyze situations accurately and take effective action; speak and write effectively.~~

~~Persons holding certificates in all of the former categories of Insect and Disease Pest Management, Vertebrate Pest Management, Weed Control and Apiary Regulation shall receive an Integrated Pest Management license. Persons holding certificates in only one, two or three of these former categories shall receive an Integrated Pest Management license limited to the respective subcategory(ies) in which previously certified. Such limited licenses shall remain valid subject to renewal requirements specified in Sections 152 and 153. Persons issued such limited licenses shall be allowed to qualify for the full license by successfully participating in an examination for the unlicensed subcategory(ies) as determined appropriate by the Secretary.~~

~~Persons holding a certificate in the former Fruit, Vegetable and Egg Quality Control category shall receive a Commodity Regulation license.~~

~~Persons holding certificates for the former categories of Plant Quarantine and Pest Inspection and Nursery and Seed Regulation shall be issued a Pest Prevention and Plant~~

~~Regulation license. Persons holding one of these two certificates shall receive a Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation license limited to the respective subcategory in which previously certified. Such limited licenses remain valid subject to renewal requirements specified in Sections 152 and 153. Persons issued such limited licenses shall be allowed to qualify for the full license by successfully participating in an examination for the unlicensed subcategory as determined appropriate by the Secretary.~~

~~Persons holding a certificate in the former Pesticide Use Enforcement category shall receive a Pesticide Regulation license and an Investigation and Environmental Monitoring license.~~

(a) The following are the minimum qualifications for admission to the licensing examination for County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist:

(1) Possession of one or more valid statewide specific category licenses as a County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist; or

(2) Possession of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college with specialization in:

(A) One or more appropriate disciplines in agricultural, biological, chemical, or physical sciences; or

(B) Any discipline with a minimum of 30 semester units, or equivalent, in one or any combination of the following disciplines:

1. Agricultural Science,

2. Biological Science,

3. Chemical Science,

4. Physical Science,

5. Mathematics, and/or

6. Statistics

(3) The educational requirements in subsection (a)(2)(B) may be satisfied if specialized requirements of the Bachelor's degree program include any combination of

one or more of these disciplines totaling at least 30 semester units, or equivalent, or may be satisfied through additional college level education, or combination thereof.

(b) The scope of the licensing examination may include the following:

(1) Wide knowledge of: provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations, and related Federal laws and regulations pertaining to the following specific categories for which the candidate elects to qualify:

(A) Pesticide Regulation

(B) Investigation and Environmental Monitoring

(C) Integrated Pest Management

1. Insect and Disease Pest Management

2. Vertebrate Pest Management

3. Weed Control

4. Apiary Regulation

(D) Commodity Regulation

(E) Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation

1. Plant Quarantine and Pest Detection

2. Nursery and Seed Regulation

(2) General knowledge of: laws, regulations and functions relating to the office of County Agricultural Commissioner; the agricultural industry in California.

(3) Ability to: interpret and apply the provisions of laws and regulations relating to the office of the County Agricultural Commissioner; deal tactfully and effectively with persons contacted on enforcement matters; establish and maintain cooperative relations with others; analyze situations accurately and take effective action; speak and write effectively.

(c) Persons holding certificates in all of the former categories of Insect and Disease Pest Management, Vertebrate Pest Management, Weed Control and Apiary Regulation shall receive an Integrated Pest Management license.

(d) Persons holding certificates in only one, two or three of these former categories shall receive an Integrated Pest Management license limited to the respective subcategory(ies) in which previously certified. Such limited licenses shall remain valid subject to renewal requirements specified in Sections 152 and 153. Persons issued such limited licenses shall be allowed to qualify for the full license by successfully participating in an examination for the unlicensed subcategory(ies) as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(e) Persons holding a certificate in the former Fruit, Vegetable and Egg Quality Control category shall receive a Commodity Regulation license.

(f) Persons holding certificates for the former categories of Plant Quarantine and Pest Inspection and Nursery and Seed Regulation shall be issued a Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation license.

(g) Persons holding one of the two certificates in subsections (e) and (f) shall receive a Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation license limited to the respective subcategory in which previously certified. Such limited licenses remain valid subject to renewal requirements specified in Sections 152 and 153. Persons issued such limited licenses shall be allowed to qualify for the full license by successfully participating in an examination for the unlicensed subcategory as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(h) Persons holding a certificate in the former Pesticide Use Enforcement category shall receive a Pesticide Regulation license and an Investigation and Environmental Monitoring license.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 2101, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 2102 and 2106, Food and Agricultural Code.