

CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION

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6.2. Fertilizer Certification

6.2.1 Any Non Certified Fertilizer Applicator may apply to Cape Cod Cooperative Extension for Fertilizer Certification as a Certified Fertilizer Applicator.

6.2.2. Cape Cod Cooperative Extension will establish application requirements for and the process required to obtain Fertilizer Certification and renewals thereof, including evidence that the applicant is proficient in the BMP.

6.2.3. Notwithstanding the requirement for a proficiency assessment set out in Section 6.2.2, Municipal applicators or Landscape professionals who meet the following criteria shall be presumed to be proficient in the BMP and may become Certified Fertilizer Applicators without the need for an additional proficiency assessment:

1. Active membership in the Cape Cod Landscapers Association, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Cape Cod, Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP) or a substantially similar organization; and one of the following;
2. Current Massachusetts Pesticide Commercial Applicator License (category 00) or Commercial Applicator License with Turf Certification (category 37) or Commercial Applicator License with Shade Tree & Ornamentals Certification (category 36), with evidence of participation in a recognized continuing education program for turf management within the past year, or
3. Associate's Degree or higher in Turf Management, or closely related field, with evidence of participation in a recognized continuing education program for turf management within the past year; or
4. Current Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional (MCLP) Certification, or substantially similar professional certification with emphasis on turf management, with evidence of participation in a recognized continuing education program for turf management within the past year; or
5. Certificate of Completion from the University of Massachusetts Extension Green School (Turf or Landscape sections) or the University of Massachusetts Winter School for Turf Managers, or a horticultural certificate from Cape Cod Community College, or substantially similar professional certification with emphasis on turf management, with evidence of participation in a recognized continuing education program for turf management within the past year.

6.2.4. Municipal applicators or Landscape professionals who are Non-Certified Fertilizer Applicators may nonetheless apply fertilizer and manage turf pursuant to the standards for Certified Fertilizer Applicators set out in Section 5.3 of this Regulation so long as they fertilize and manage turf under the direct supervision of a manager or supervisor who has attained Fertilizer Certification hereunder.