



Wood Destroying Pest Inspection

Certification website: https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/continuing_certification_program.html Category 12

Credential Summary

Inspectors and pest inspection businesses that inspect and issue reports for termites, wood infesting beetles, carpenter ants, carpenter bees, and wood decay fungus. These for hire inspections are usually performed as part of a real estate transaction, and the inspection report is usually issued on the NPMA-33 form. The Category 12 business and inspector is NOT allowed to apply pesticides.

Overview

- **Related Instructional Hours:** 24
- **Exam details:** Pesticide Core exam followed by Category 12 Wood Destroying Insect (WDI) exam
 - May attempt up to 3 times in a 12-month period
 - Passing is 75%
- **Third party testing provider:** Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc (AMP)
- **Exam cost:** \$90
- **Renewal details:** Certification is valid for 5 years, expiring on December 31st of the fourth year following the year of qualification
 - Renewal requires repeating the examination process or accumulating 10 continuing certification hours by attending approved recertification training programs, or by attending various approved conferences, workshops, and other educational programs which address pesticide and fertilizer topics.

Job Opportunities

- **Relevant**
 - Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation 37-3012
- **Demand information**
 - Average flame ranking = 3.10/5
- **Average Wages**
 - \$42,660 (20.51 per hour)
(Average wages pulled as of October 2023)

Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies

- Wood Destroying Insects
- Wood Decay fungi
- Inspection Techniques
- Pest Control Methods
- Safety Measures



Post Secondary Relevance

- **Next level programs of study**
 - Plant and Soil Science
 - Advanced Life Science, Plants and Soils
 - Agricultural Research