**Frequently Asked Questions regarding Preliminary Application for Certification as a Pesticide Applicator and Operator:**

**1. What are the fees associated with the Preliminary Application for the Certification as a Pesticide Applicator and Operator?**

$30 for each category. Government employees are free of charge.

**2.** **Where can I find the Preliminary Application for Pesticide Applicator form ES774 and the** [**Preliminary Application for Pesticide Operator form ES775?**](https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddoe/publication/attachments/PRELIMINARY%20APPL%20FOR%20PEST%20OPER%20ES775.docx)

The ES774 and ES775 forms can be found online at the following: <https://doee.dc.gov/publication/preliminary-application-certification-pesticide-applicator>

**3.** **How long does the approval process for the application take**?

30 days

**4.** **What is the difference between the registered technician, the ES774 and ES775 form?**

* The registered technician form is for individuals seeking to be registered as a technician in the District of Columbia.
* The ES774 form is for individuals seeking to be registered as preliminary applicators.
* The ES775 form is for individuals seeking to be registered as preliminary operators.

**5.** **How do I receive assistance filling out the application?**

Please email [doeepesticide@dc.gov](mailto:doeepesticide@dc.gov) for any questions or concerns.

**6**. **What are the qualifications based on education?**

A science-related bachelor's degree from an accredited university.

**7**. **What are the qualifications based on experience?**

For ES774: One year of supervised work as a registered technician.

**8. From which states do we honor reciprocity?**

We honor reciprocity for the following states: (Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania). Additional states will be considered upon request.

**9**. **Can this form be filled out and returned online?**

All forms can be submitted online at the following: <https://doee.dc.gov/publication/preliminary-application-certification-pesticide-applicator>