



PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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IPM Accreditation Process

Process:

PIRC in its continuing efforts to promote pesticide safety for the environment and human health administers and delivers an affordable, accessible, workable and accountable company IPM Accreditation program attached to the MOE approved Pesticide Technician Program administered by the PIRC in cooperation with the IPM-EHC Council and the OIPMA.

PIRC and the IPM-EHC Council conducts and provides small business employers various processes through educational participation, (i.e., distance education, home study, online, attendance, audits, reports, oral and written examinations) to maintain their company IPM Accreditation status based on study resource packages developed and or recommended by the PIRC and IPM-EHC Council. Materials will vary by sector i.e. Lawn care, Landscape, Structural, Golf Course, and Municipal Parks etc. Training programs will be delivered in a variety of methods through the PIRC / OIPMA / IPM-EHC Council. See this Site for more information. Q & A: Call 1-800-615-9813.

Members commit to follow the IPM-EHC Code of Practice.

Members commit to ongoing OIPMA professional development by earning at least eight (8) continuing education credits (CEC's) per year. PIRC and the IPM-EHC Council will confer accreditation on seminars and programs run by its member Associations, or private trainers. Submit to a company audit, which ensures the principles of IPM are upheld. We accomplish this through members' completed reporting submissions void of high costs and red tape too onerous for small business.

The Desk Review Audit currently includes the following items:

- Review and evaluate company IPM marketing and consumer educational materials
- Review and evaluate to what degree the company practices the principles of IPM (Regulatory, Cultural, Pest Identifications, Monitoring, Treatments, Prevention Controls, etc.)
- Review and evaluate company PTP and IPM training activities
- Review and evaluate company pesticide usage records

Qualification of IPM Auditors:

Auditors will be individuals with demonstrated professional certified IPM industry experience and knowledge who possess at least 10 years certified IPM industry field experience in at least three fields, land, water, and structural or such other persons as determined by the PIRC in cooperation with the IPM-EHC Council.