



PESTICIDE INDUSTRY REGULATORY COUNCIL (PIRC)

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Quick facts on the industry run Pesticide Technician Program (PTP)

- The Pesticide Industry Regulatory Council (PIRC) and Pesticide Industry Council (PIC) independently administer a Ministry approved company in-house Pesticide Technician Program for obtaining technician status further to s.1 of Regulation 914. (Ridgetown College/University of Guelph offers an alternative technician course.)
- A candidate / trainee through their employer is enrolled by their accredited PTP Examiner to become a technician registered on their affiliated industry council's Technician database in order to legally apply pesticides under indirect supervision. Indirect supervision means that the licensed exterminator is required to observe the technicians' work at least once a week at the extermination site.
- All training provided to a company trainee / technician must be recorded pursuant to section 20.2 (3)
- A trainee after passing the academic and practical PTP component and having all training recorded by a supervising licensed exterminator must also take or have taken specific training that are part of their job description, which must also be recorded. You may use the OIPMA Technician Certification of Competency and Limitation (TCCL) or Exhibit B Document in the Technician Manual to record a candidate's academic, practical and specific training to meet the requirements of Regulation 914. OIPMA TCCL documents simplifies recorded training documentation and confirms due diligence.
- Unlicensed assistants, (trainees), who do not have technician status must work under direct supervision (i.e. hand in hand).
- The two industry councils jointly and independently administer and deliver a company in-house Pesticide Technician Program (PTP) approved by the Ministry of the Environment that is a two-part Basic Pesticide Safety Course consisting of an Academic Component and a Practical Component.

Academic Component:

- The Candidate/Trainee must pass a 50 multiple-choice open book written examination with a 1½-hour time limit based on the Technician Manual key components, overviewed by an examiner registered on the PIRC or PIC Examiner database. The exam will be in accordance with the *Technician Training Manual*, developed by the two industry councils (PIRC and PIC) in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. The Examiner issues a Technician Card that bears his or her pre-printed name. **The Card is of no effect until the practical demonstration is passed.**

Practical Component:

- The Candidate/Trainee must demonstrate to the satisfaction of a licensed exterminator a five-part basic practical test. (Commonly the Academic Examiner also administers this component.)
- Upon successful completion of both the PTP Academic and Practical Component, the candidate is issued a Technician Identification Card, which is valid for two years.

The Technician must receive specific recorded training relating to the actual work to be performed before commencing working under indirect supervision. The specific training can be recorded using the Appendix B document in the Technician Training Manual to meet the requirements of section 20.2 (3) of Regulation 914 under the Pesticides Act. The OIPMA Technician Certification of Competency and Limitation (TCCL) or similar document may also be used to record the both the basic and job specific training of a trainee/ technician. TCCL documents and a vehicle logbook are included with each OIPMA member's Technician pkgs. Individuals or Companies / Employers who wish to train candidates / trainees to achieve Technician status can contact the PIRC for details at 1-800-615-9813.