

Levels of Certification

- 1) **Nutrient Generator** - A person within the State of Delaware who operates a facility that produces organic or inorganic nutrients.
- 2) **Private nutrient handler** - A person in this State who applies organic or inorganic nutrients to lands he or she owns, leases, or otherwise controls.
- 3) **Commercial nutrient handler** - A person in this State who applies organic or inorganic nutrients to lands as a component of a commercial or agricultural business in exchange for a fee or service charge.
- 4) **Nutrient consultant** - A person in this State who is engaged in the activities of advising or consulting regarding the formulation, application, or scheduling of organic or inorganic nutrients as part of a Nutrient Management Plan.



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION



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At What Level Must I Be Certified?



Nutrient Management Certification

Certification Requirements

No later than January 1, 2004, all persons who conduct the following activities shall be duly certified by the Nutrient Management Program or shall utilize a duly certified person or firm:

(See levels of certification.)



8 Beef Cattle
7 Dairy Cattle



7 Saddle Horses



32 Brood Sows



3,200 Broiler Chickens



40 Sheep

- 1) Operate any animal feeding operation in excess of eight animal units (8,000 lbs. live animal weight), or
- 2) Applies nutrients to 10 acres or greater of lands or water owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by such handler; or
- 3) Advise or consult with persons as part of the development of a Nutrient Management Plan.

The minimum requirements for initial certification are:

- 1) **Nutrient Generator** - To obtain a nutrient generator certificate, the applicant must successfully complete at least 6 credits of educational course work as approved by the Nutrient Management Program.
- 2) **Private nutrient handler** - To obtain a private nutrient handler certificate, the applicant must successfully complete at least 9 credits of educational course work as approved by the Nutrient Management Program.
- 3) **Commercial nutrient handler** - To obtain a commercial nutrient handler certificate the following criteria must be satisfied:
 - a. The applicant must take and successfully complete at least 12 credits of educational course work approved by the Nutrient Management Program. Proof of such completion of course work shall be submitted with the application.
 - b. The applicant must pass a written test approved by the Commission.
 - c. A \$150 fee is required for the period of three years.
- 4) **Nutrient consultant** - to obtain a nutrient consultant certificate the following criteria must be satisfied:
 - a. The applicant must take and successfully complete at least 12 credits of educational course work approved by the Nutrient Management Program.
 - b. The applicant must pass a written test approved by the Nutrient Management Program.
 - c. A \$100 annual fee is required.
 - d. Reciprocity: The Commission has adopted a policy of accepting certification from certain other states and certification programs (e.g. CCA certification). A seminar covering the Delaware Law is still required.

Continuing Education

In order to maintain a certification, the certificate holder must successfully complete continuing education courses approved by the Nutrient Management Program in accordance with the following:

- 1) **Nutrient generator** - 6 credits prior to each 3-year anniversary date.
- 2) **Private nutrient handler** - 6 credits prior to each 3-year anniversary date.
- 3) **Commercial nutrient handler** - 9 credits prior to each 3-year anniversary date.
- 4) **Nutrient consultants** - 8 credits annually prior to the anniversary date.

