

Training of Other Professional Users

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Category of Users

- Three user categories with specific rules applied to their use

- Trained Professional



- Professional



- General Public (amateur)



Trained Professionals



- Need to register to become a Pest Management Trained Professional User.
- Receive a **PMU Number**
- Must maintain CPE to stay registered (IASIS & Basis Prompt schemes approved for 2018)
- *PMU Number required at point of sale*



Trained Professionals

- Spend most of their working day applying pest management techniques including rodent control
- Highly trained and competent in pest control (vertebrates and invertebrates).
- Can use product in all approved use scenarios as the situation requires based on RA + IPM



Professionals



- Farmers/Poultry Farmers have a **herd/flock No.**
- Need to provide number at *point of sale*
- Can only use product in the course of their own work, not for sub-contract
- If no number – must purchase General Public Use product



Professionals

- Pest Management carried out in the course of their own work only.
- Limited training received
- **Restricted Use Area**
 - In and around buildings Only.
 - *No permanent baiting.*
 - No pulse baiting
 - Max treatment period of 35 days
 - Bait must be collected and recorded at the end of the 35 day period.



General Public (Amateur)

- Small amount of population using occasionally
- No training and little knowledge, following pack instructions
- **Reduced** pack size and concentration of active
 - localised risk – lower concentration of A.S.



Q & As

Q – How long does it take to receive a PMU No?

A – When the certificates are received for the required training courses, these can be submitted to DAFM and the application can be processed within a week of receiving the necessary documents.

Q & As

Q – I am a farmer and classed as a professional user.

I want to *use* the product in *open areas and burrows*, can I use this product with my herd number?



A – No

Q & As

Q – Is there any way I can purchase product for use in open areas, for my own use only?



A – A PMU number is required to purchase trained professional use products.

Training is required to obtain a PMU number and CPE required to maintain it.

Q & As



Q – I want to become a **trained professional** to apply AR product in open areas and burrows for my own use.

Do I have to complete a training course which covers target organisms not relevant to my work?

A – No,

A new rodent specific training course will be *available April 2018* for individuals to meet the requirements to register as a trained professional PMU for their own use only.

- CPE will be required to remain on the register
- A separate register of ***PMUs registered for their own use of AR ONLY***, not for hire, will be published on our website

Q & As



Q – I am a private individual and I want to become a trained professional user for hire, what must I do?

A – Any individual wishing to offer a service for hire must;

- complete a recognised training course including on the job training/mentoring
- Complete CRRU WA
- Register as a PMU.
- Maintain CPE .

Q & As

Q – I own a small business, I do not have a number to purchase professional / trained professional product, what can I do?

A – You can either;

- Purchase General Public use products
- Hire a pest control operator listed on the PMU register on the Department of Agriculture Website
- Carry out training to become a trained professional user and maintain CPE.



Q & As

Q – I am a course provider and would like to create a course to allow individuals to purchase and use trained professional use product for their own use. How do I go about that?

A – The course must;

- Contain a **module on rodents** equivalent to that of the New Lantra Level 3 Pest Management course.
- This **course** must be **accredited** with an awarding body.

The PMU Applicant must also;

- complete **CRRU Wildlife Aware**
- Participate in **CPE** to maintain registration.

This category is not required to complete mentoring



Q & As

Q – I am a training provider, can I register to provide any of these courses?



A – Yes,

You can contact Lantra for further details on how to register to become a course provider of their Irish specific certified syllabus. All approved course providers are listed on the Lantra website. The following courses will be available;

- Level 3 Pest Management course
- 1.5 day own use course

Q & As

Q – Can I carry out training in the UK?



A – Yes,

The requirements for training are based on a minimum standard which is currently *equivalent to the level 2 RSPH/IPCA courses*. Any course with content equivalent or better to these, are eligible for PMU registration in IE.

NEW - From 1st July 2018, Only courses equivalent to **Ofqual level 3** will be accepted (Lantra Level 3, RSPH level 3).

Q & As



Q – Can I sign up to a UK CPE scheme?

A – Yes

Any provider offering CPE scheme in IE or UK can submit details of their scheme for review.

We review schemes on an annual basis

We may request providers to add mandatory elements to their scheme for the upcoming year.

This will be *done in consultation with the scheme providers*

NEW - Q & As

Q – I want to hire a new pest control technician but they don't have formal training, does this mean that I need to supervise them until they receive their PMU No which can take months?

A – New entrants can apply for a conditional PMU to carry out some work with indirect supervision (after firstly completing 2 weeks of direct supervision and training as specified on DAFM website) for a *period of grace* to allow completion of the appropriate training requirements for full PMU registration.

Benefits of Registration as PMU

- A highly skilled pest management workforce
- Regulated Market with industry standards
- High level of confidence from general public



Benefits



- Proper use of dangerous chemicals;
 - To prevent/reduce resistance
 - Reduced incidences of primary & secondary poisoning
 - More effective pest control
- Continued protection of public health into the future