



**POISONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT**

***PEST CONTROL LICENCE  
(FUMIGATION ENDORSEMENT)  
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS***

Poisons Control

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A person who intends to possess or use a Schedule 7 fumigant **for fee or reward** is required by the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act to be licensed as a Pest Control Operator (PCO) in accordance with Section 56 of the Act, with an endorsement for the intended fumigant.

For the purpose of these guidelines:

"fumigant" means methyl bromide, chloropicrin, phosphine, or any other Schedule 7 poison similarly used;

"fumigation" includes the treatment of a building, ship, soil, foodstuffs, produce or other goods, using a fumigant;

"fumigator" means a person who is licensed to use a fumigant

Application forms should be completed and forwarded to:

**Chief Poisons Officer  
Poisons Control  
Department of Health and Community Services  
PO Box 40596  
CASUARINA NT 0811**

Licence fee (renewable annually) is **\$20-00** payable with application.

The application must be on the prescribed application form, available from Poisons Control, Casuarina Plaza, Casuarina and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee, photographic identification (recent certified photograph) and documentation as detailed below.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL ENDORSEMENT OF A FUMIGANT**

The minimum requirements for the initial endorsement are as follows:

1: Show documentation of having successfully completed the following TAFE unit of competence (or equivalent unit):

**Unit PRMPM11 Eradicate pests through fumigation** (Evidence from the Registered Training Organisation should indicate the site environment in which competence was demonstrated eg stack and silo).

*(Reference "National standard for licensing pest management technicians" published by the National Environmental Health Forum 1999), and;*

2: Present a signed statement from a licensed fumigator to the effect that the applicant has actively assisted in at least 3 fumigations and provide the date and details of these fumigations, and;

3: Present a **current** St John Ambulance Senior **First Aid Certificate** or **CPR certificate** or equivalent in the name of the applicant, and;

4: Tender a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the applicant does not suffer from a medical condition which could make the use of the fumigant(s) dangerous to the applicant or the public, and;

5: Provide evidence that the applicant possesses, or his/her employer possesses the equipment necessary to undertake fumigations and that all such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person, and;

6: For fumigation of ships, provide evidence that the applicant or his/her employer has been in contact with NT Worksafe about training and legal requirements for working in or around confined spaces, and;

7: Licences can be current only for 12 months.

### **ADDITION OF A NEW SITE ENVIRONMENT TO A CURRENT LICENCE**

1. Please present:

- A. Written evidence from a licensed fumigator stating that the applicant has actively participated in at least 3 fumigations in the new site environment and provide the date and details of these fumigations, or
- B. A statement from a Registered Training Organisation that the applicant is competent for the new site environment.

(For ships, the evidence presented must detail the type of ship, cargo, fumigant, date and place of fumigations or assessment), and also;

2. Provide evidence that the applicant possesses, or his/her employer possesses the equipment necessary to undertake the new type of fumigation and that such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person, and;

3. For fumigation of ships, provide evidence that the applicant or his/her employer has been in contact with NT Worksafe about training and legal requirements for working in or around confined spaces.

### **MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS**

Under Mutual Recognition principles, a person holding a current full fumigation licence in another Australian jurisdiction is entitled to be so licensed in the NT. However after 12 months, he/she must comply with all NT requirements prior to renewal of fumigant endorsements.

### **RENEWAL OF FUMIGATION LICENCE**

1. A licensee is required to demonstrate that he/she has a current St John Ambulance Senior First Aid Certificate or CPR certificate or equivalent, and;
2. Must produce a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the licensee does not have significant blood halide levels and does not suffer from a medical condition which could make the use of the fumigant(s) dangerous to the applicant or the public, and;
3. Provide evidence that he possesses, or his employer possesses the equipment necessary to undertake fumigations and that all such equipment is maintained in efficient working order. This will require an assessment by an Occupational Hygienist or Dangerous Goods Inspector from NT Worksafe or other suitably qualified person.