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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Roger Bryan, who was promoted on June 1, 2017, to the Western Supervisor position for the Structural Program. Roger has provided 18 years of outstanding service to the Division as a Structural Inspector in Western NC, covering 15 counties. He also has 15 years of previous experience in the Structural Pest Control Industry.

Best Wishes!

Many of you have known and worked with Tinesha McNeil through the years. She started out with the Structural Section over 15 years ago, and has been promoted to Administrative Assistant. She is still with the Division, but is no longer with the Structural Pest Control Section. We appreciate all that Tinesha has done with licensing, certification, insurance, and exams, along with her excellent customer service. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome Nikki Mitchell to the Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division. She came to us from the Standards Division and has taken over the Processing Assistant position, previously held by Tinesha McNeil. Nikki started in the middle of license renewal season and has already been doing a great job.



License/Certification Renewals

All license and card renewal forms, received by our Division, have been processed. Licenses and cards are required to be renewed by June 30th every year.

Renewal forms are sometimes returned and marked as undeliverable. Licensees and certified applicators are required to notify the Division of address changes within 10 days. In addition to address changes, some renewals may get lost in the mail.

If you have not renewed your license, certified applicator, or registered technician cards, you should contact the Division immediately. Licensees who fail to renew, and continue to work after the expiration date of their license, are in violation of the Structural Pest Control Law. If your license is placed on inactive status, you must still renew each year, and maintain your recertification status, by taking the appropriate number of CCU's. Licensees on inactive status are not sent a license certificate, but will receive a letter indicating that the license has been renewed. The last date that licenses and certified applicator cards can be renewed, without having to take the exam again, is December 31st.

If you do not receive a letter, after renewal of an inactive license, you should contact the Division, well before December 31st, to ensure that the renewal has been processed.

New Email Address for Sending COI

When it is time to send in an original or updated certificate of insurance, you can now have it emailed directly to insurance@ncagr.gov. This address will get the insurance information to the appropriate people, who handle getting your insurance information updated in your account. Please let your insurance company know about this new email address the next time you are due to have yours updated with the Division.

Delay of Effective Date for EPA Rules

As many of you may be aware, the EPA is revising the Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicator Rules. There are two major revisions that would affect Structural Pest Control Applicators: 1) The minimum age requirement for persons using restricted use pesticides would change to at least 18 years old and 2) The requirement for annual pesticide safety training for Noncertified Applicators that would include training on safety, application, personal protection, and pesticide labeling. The Environmental Protection Agency has delayed the effective date for these and other revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule (40 CFR 171) until May 22, 2018. Stay tuned.... we will keep you updated as the effective date gets closer.

Registered Technician School Registration

When filling out an Application to enroll in a Registered Technician School, please fill in the block on the "Registered Technician School – APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT" form that asks for "Fax No. and/or Company Email Address." This information is often left blank. Some companies still use fax, as well as e-mail, and both are requested and preferred. Having both is especially helpful, when an employee submits a registration for an RT School, close to the date of the school. Additionally, the application has a space for two (2) mailing addresses, one that is the physical location, as well as a US Postal Service address. Having both is ideal.

Please remember, when mailing checks or money orders, to detach and keep the check stub, for your records.

Study Material for License Exam

Pest Control Applicators needing to order study material for the NC Structural Pest Control License exam:

The link to order "Truman's Scientific Guide to Pest Management Operations" is; https://kalosbooks.com/products/trumans-scientific-guide-to-pest-management-operations-7th-edition-trumans-scientific-guide-to-pe?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=googlepla.

The link to order "NPMA Field Guide to Structural Pests"; <https://forms.npmapestworld.org/Bugstore/index.cfm?trg=4&uIDC=26&uSect=catX>

Checking Credit Status

Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether the 3 out of 5 year, or 4 out of 5-year requirement is being met, to meet recertification. A change has been made to the online transcript database, to try to make it easier when checking CCU credits. When checking your record, there will be a color change between the fiscal years. In the example below, the color changes from gray to blue green, to gray, to blue green. Each of these color changes represent a year of earning credits. This example shows the licensee has 4 out of the 5 years needed to satisfy the number of years that credits are needed.

P = 25.00

W = 5.00

F = 0.00

General = 3.00

Switch Layout

Date	Units				ID	Course	Institution
	P	W	F	General			
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	5	1	0	0	38054	VIRGINIA TRAINING 2017 16-17	RESIDEX
Thursday, September 22, 2016	5	1	0	0	64079	2016 STATE TECH MEETING 16-17	VPMA
Thursday, April 21, 2016	6	0	0	0	64044	MASTER TECH; PEST ANTS 15-16	VPMA
Thursday, September 24, 2015	6	1	0	1	64074	2015 STATE TECH MEETING 15-16	VPMA
Monday, June 29, 2015	0	1	0	0	64078	WDI RECERT ONLINE WKSHP 15-17	VPMA
Tuesday, February 11, 2014	3	1	0	2	38045	RESIDEX WINTER RECERT. 12-14	RESIDEX CORPORATION

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RT Schools and Exam Dates and Locations



SEPTEMBER RT SCHOOLS

September 6, 2017

NCDA & CS--L. Y. Ballentine Building—
8:30 am
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 Information

September 20, 2017

New Hanover County Center—8:30 am
6206 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
910-798-7660 (directions)

SEPTEMBER EXAMS

*September 13, 2017 9:30 AM

License & Certification Exams

Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State
Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

September 27, 2017-10:00 AM

Certification Exam Only

Forsyth County Co-Operative Extension
Center
1450 Fairchild Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC Capacity 50
336-703-2850 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

OCTOBER RT SCHOOLS

October 3, 2017

NCDA & CS--L. Y. Ballentine Building—
8:30 am
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 Information

October 25, 2017

Gaston County Cooperative Extension
Center —8:30 am
1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy
Dallas, NC
704-922-0301 (Directions)

OCTOBER EXAMS

*October 4, 2017 9:30 AM

License Exams Only

Ballentine Building- Conference Room
116
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 25
919-733-6100

October 25, 2017-10:00 AM

Certification Exam Only

Beaufort County Co-Operative Extension
Center
155 A Airport Road
Washington, NC Capacity 50
252-946-0111 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

NOVEMBER RT SCHOOLS

November 8, 2017

NCDA & CS--L. Y. Ballentine Building—
8:30 am
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 Information

November 21, 2017

Pitt County Cooperative Extension
Center—8:30 am
403 Government Circle, Suite 2
Greenville, NC 27834
252-902-1700 (Directions)

NOVEMBER EXAMS

*November 7, 2017 9:30 AM

License & Certification Exams

Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State
Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

(November Exams Cont.)

November 21, 2017 10:00 AM

Certification Exam Only

Cabarrus County Co-Operative
Extension Center
715 Cabarrus Ave - West
Concord, NC Capacity 50
704-920-3310 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

DECEMBER RT SCHOOLS

December 6, 2017

NCDA & CS--L. Y. Ballentine Building—
8:30 am
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 Information

December 12, 2017

Cabarrus County Co-Operative
Extension Center—8:30 am
715 Cabarrus Ave - West
Concord, NC
704-920-3310 (directions)

DECEMBER EXAMS

*December 5, 2017 9:30 AM

License & Certification Exams

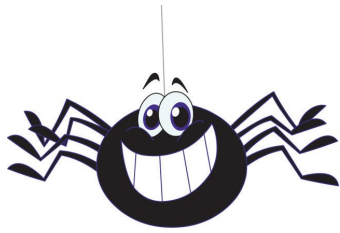
Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State
Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

December 13, 2017-10:00 AM

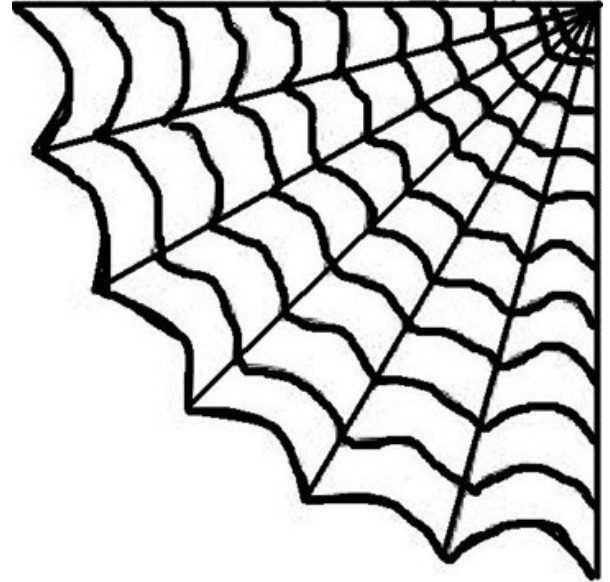
Certification Exam Only

Pitt County Co-Operative Extension
Center
403 Government Circle, Ste. 2
Greenville, NC Capacity 50
252-902-1710 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

License examinations given only at sites identified with an asterisk



Bug Humor



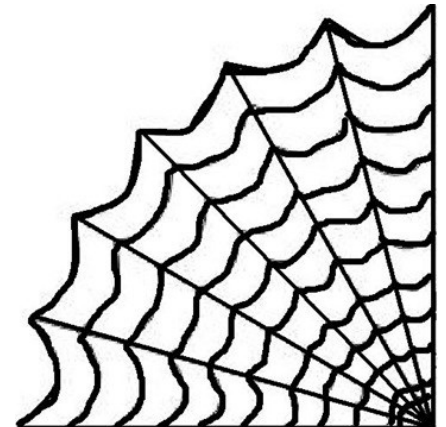
- Q. What does a spider do when he gets angry?
A. He goes up the wall.
- Q. What do you call a big Irish spider?
A. Paddy Long Legs!
- Q. What do you call a spider that can dance?
A. A jitterbug.
- Q. Did you hear about the spider love triangle?
A. It was a tangled web.
- Q. How do you know you've found a modern-day spider?
A. He surfs the web and has a website.

These jokes taken from <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/spiderjokes.html>

Spider Facts

- A female black widow needs to mate only once. After she has mated, she can produce eggs for the rest of her life, which is about 2 years.
- Most spiders live for about a year. However, some tarantulas live more than 20 years.
- Spiders are not insects. They are arachnids, along with scorpions, mites, harvestmen, and ticks. All arachnids have eight legs and two main body parts (a cephalothorax and an abdomen). In contrast, insects have six legs and three main body parts (a head, a thorax, and an abdomen).
- The most-deadly spiders in the world include the black widow, funnel web, and brown recluse spiders. One of the most feared spiders in the world, the tarantula, has surprisingly weak venom and a bite that feels more like a wasp sting.
- Spiders eat more insects than birds and bats combined.
- Spiders are found on every continent except Antarctica.

These facts were taken from
<https://www.factretriever.com/spider-facts>



Settlement Agreements

The NC Structural Pest Control Committee approved the following settlement agreements on July 27, 2017:

- (Guilford) Jeffrey D. Brewster, owner of Royal T. Pest Control in Greensboro, agreed to pay \$800 for performing household pest control services during a two-month lapse in liability insurance. Royal T. Pest Control performed \$8,049 in services during the lapse.
- (Mecklenburg) Solomon Airhart, doing business as Aruza Pest Control in Charlotte, agreed to pay \$2,000 for performing structural pest control work without a license. Aruza advertised his services through various websites, including Facebook, Google+, Groupon and Instagram. It is unlawful to advertise, offer, engage in or supervise any phase of structural pest control work without a license. Airhart had 41 accounts while operating without a license.
- (Rutherford) Kim Allan King, certified applicator for Lakeside Mills in Spindale, agreed to pay \$1,200 for improper handling of pesticides. A fumigation treatment of exterior grain bins inadvertently entered an area with another registered technician through a connecting overhead pipe. This resulted in hospitalization of the technician due to exposure to aluminum phosphide.
- (Rutherford) David D. Purcell, structural pest control license holder for Douglas Pest Control in Forest City, agreed to pay \$400 for performing three household pest control services with an expired license. Purcell's license expired June 30, 2016, and was renewed July 19, 2016.