Certification Requirements for Florida Limited Commercial Wildlife Management Personnel

Commercial trapping of nuisance wildlife using nonchemical methods, including traps, mechanical or electronic devices, and exclusionary techniques to control commensal rodents (rats and mice), requires certification under Chapter 482.157, Florida Statutes, (F.S). Wildlife trappers must apply for and pass a certification examination and possess a Limited Wildlife Management certificate.

Florida Law requires EVERY Commercial Wildlife Management trapper performing nuisance wildlife and rodent control in, on or under a structure to be certified by July 1, 2011.

This brochure was designed to provide you with information you may need to comply with regulations.

NOTE: Wildlife Management Professionals with the Limited Wildlife Management Certificate will:

1. NOT BE ALLOWED TO use pesticides or chemical substances, other than adhesive materials, to control rodents or other nuisance wildlife in, on, or under structures.
2. NOT BE ALLOWED to operate a pest control business.
3. NOT BE ALLOWED to supervise an uncertified person using nonchemical methods to control rodents.

WHO NEEDS CERTIFICATION

Certification is required for any person who engages in the commercial trapping of wildlife - using nonchemical methods, including traps, mechanical or electronic devices, and exclusionary techniques to control commensal rodents (rats and mice).

Persons who are trapping wildlife on their own personal property do not need certification.

PERSONS OR COMPANIES WHO USE ANY PESTICIDES OR ECONOMIC POISONS TO CONTROL COMMENSAL RODENTS IN, ON OR UNDER A STRUCTURE ON A FOR-HIRE BASIS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED PEST CONTROL BUSINESSES AND APPLICATORS.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FDACS LIMITED COMMERCIAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL CERTIFICATE

A person will submit an Application for Limited Wildlife Management Personnel Certificate, DACS form 13685, to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for processing. A person must submit a fee of $150 with their application.
Upon passing the certification exam, the applicant must provide a certificate of insurance that indicates it meets the requirements for minimum financial responsibility for bodily injury and property damage consisting of:
(a) Bodily injury: $250,000 per person and $500,000 per occurrence; and property damage: $250,000 per occurrence and $500,000 in the aggregate; or
(b) Combined single-limit coverage: $500,000 in the aggregate, as stated in Chapter 487.071(4), F.S.

The certificate is valid for one year from date of issuance.

Prior to renewal, a person must obtain 4 hours of Continuing Education Training (2 hours of which must be in GHP/Rodent or Wildlife topics) and submit this proof of training with their renewal application and renewal fee.

DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

A Limited Commercial Wildlife Management Certificate will be required for ALL persons who engage in the commercial trapping of wildlife using nonchemical methods, including traps, mechanical or electronic devices, and exclusionary techniques to control commensal rodents (rats and mice).

Need an Application Form or more information about Limited Certification?
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