



# Grower Pesticide Safety Course

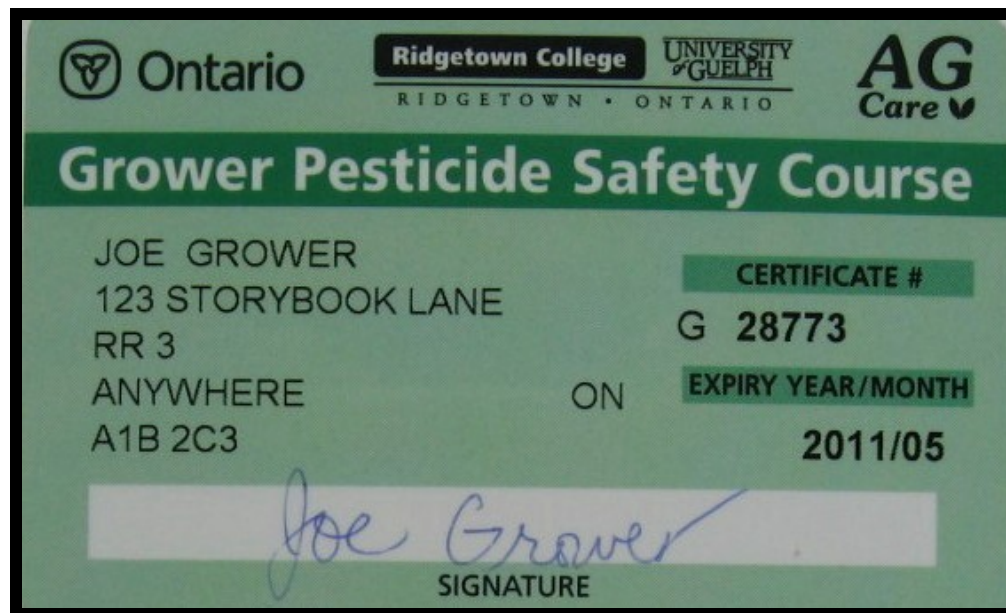
## Preface

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# Do I Need to Be Certified?

If you are a grower (farmer) and want to buy and use Schedule 1, 2 or 5 pesticides in Ontario, you must be a Certified Grower.



The image shows a green and white certificate for a Grower Pesticide Safety Course. At the top, it features logos for Ontario, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph, and AG Care. The course title is 'Grower Pesticide Safety Course'. The certificate holder's name is 'JOE GROWER' with the address '123 STORYBOOK LANE, RR 3, ANYWHERE, ON A1B 2C3'. The certificate number is 'G 28773' and the expiry date is '2011/05'. A signature of 'Joe Grower' is written in blue ink over a greyed-out area, with the word 'SIGNATURE' printed below it.

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# You are a grower as defined under the Pesticides Act,

- currently use farm land for agriculture or forestry production, and
- that farm land is classified as farmlands property under Section 7 of the *Ontario Assessment Act*.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 1-866-296-6722

[www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca)

# What is a Schedule 1, 2 or 5 Pesticide?

**Ontario pesticides are classified into one of six Schedules.**

**Schedule 1, 2 and 5 pesticides are more toxic.**

# How Can I Become a Certified Grower for the First Time?

**You must:**

- **be a grower, as defined under the Ontario Pesticides Act,**
- **be at least 16 years of age,**
- **attend a one day GPSC, and**
- **successfully complete the exam.**

**If you are not certified and need to use a Schedule 1, 2 or 5 pesticide on your farm, you must:**

**–hire a **licensed** exterminator.**

# How Can I Renew My GPSC Certificate?

1. **Attend** the one day Grower Pesticide Safety Course and successfully complete the exam.

or

2. **Study at home** and successfully complete the exam at an exam writing session.



# Do Assistants Use Schedule 2 or 5 Pesticides on Your Farm?

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**Before assistants can handle a Schedule 2 or 5 pesticide, they must be trained.**

**Also, assistants must be:**

- **supervised by a Certified Grower**
- **re-trained every five years, and**
- **16 years of age**

# Two Training Options for Assistants

## **Assistants may:**

- **attend the Grower Pesticide Safety Course (not required to write exam), or**
- **attend an on-farm training session given by a Trained Assistant Instructor.**



- **Must be Certified Growers**
- **Must complete a half day training session**
- **Call OPEP to register –  
1-800-652-8573**

**As a Certified Grower, you are responsible for all pesticide use and handling on your farm.**

**This includes pesticide use and handling by Trained Assistants.**