

What if I am a researcher and I need to buy and use pesticides?

A person is exempt from a structural or land exterminator licence, and a permit, and from Section 9 of Regulation 63/09 under the *Pesticides Act* in order to buy or use a Class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 pesticide for research purposes or a test (Reg. 63/09, Ss.10 (1)).

The researcher must:

- use the pesticide on properties designated for research, **and**
- be affiliated with a research centre, university or college, or
- be a professional researcher from industry or government, or
- be supervised by a professional researcher.

If you are a researcher but do not meet these requirements, you may be considered for a research exemption as prescribed in ss. 10 (2) and (3).

If you are a researcher and you need to buy and use pesticides, you must write a letter requesting approval from the Director under the Pesticides Act.

Address your letter to:

Lorna Poff, Director under the Act
Ontario Ministry of the Environment
40 St. Clair Ave. West 7th Floor
TORONTO, ON M4V 1M2
Phone: 416- 327-5199
Fax: 416-327-2936

In your letter, explain:

- your research position with the research facility, if applicable
- the pesticides you need to buy and use
⇒state the PCP Act number or the active ingredient and concentration
- the purpose and location of your research, and
- whether you have a federal research permit (if so append a copy).

You must follow any conditions specified in the approval document, and carry a copy of the approval with you when using or handling pesticides. When you buy pesticides, show a photocopy of your letter or written approval from the Ministry of the Environment to the vendor. The vendor may photocopy the letter if the product requires a record of sale.