

# TURFGRASS ADVOCACY 2014

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## 3A, 3B CERTIFIED PESTICIDE APPLICATOR FEES

### BACKGROUND

Currently New York State law mandates a fee of \$200 per year for class 3A and 3B certified commercial pesticide applicators. In contrast, all other certified commercial pesticide applicators and technicians are required to pay \$450 for a three year period (\$150/ year). The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA), respectfully requests parity within the certified commercial applicator system through lowering the annual 3A and 3B fees to \$150 per year. This problem was created the last time fees were doubled across the board.

### RECOMMENDATION

NYSTA recommends making the following change to the Environmental Conservation law:

§ 33-0911. Certification and registration fees.

1. Every applicant for pesticide applicator certification shall pay an examination fee of one hundred dollars for each examination.
2.
  - a. Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, fees for pesticide applicator certification shall be four hundred fifty dollars for commercial pesticide applicator certification in one individual category, one hundred fifty dollars for each additional category and one hundred fifty dollars for each additional sub-category chosen. For private applicators a fee of twenty-five dollars for the initial certified private applicator and five dollars for subsequent applicators on the same farm or business shall be charged at the time of initial certification, renewal of certification or recertification.
  - b. Fees for pesticide applicator certification for a commercial pesticide applicator with only subcategory 3A-ornamentals, shade trees and turf or only subcategory 3B-turf shall be ~~two hundred dollars~~ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.
3. Pesticide businesses shall pay a registration fee of nine hundred dollars. When the applicant regularly maintains or operates more than one business address a fee may be required for each of the applicant's business addresses in the state. Any agency which is a state agency, municipal corporation, public authority, or college shall be exempt from any fee for registration.