



Grandfather rights for Pesticide Users have ended

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Everyone who uses a professional plant protection product (PPP) must have a specified certificate.

It is an offence for anyone to purchase PPPs authorised for professional use unless they have ensured that the intended end user has a specified certificate.



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The former “grandfather rights” exemption allowed suitably trained competent persons born before **31 December 1964** to use PPPs authorised for professional use on their own or their employer’s land without having to hold a certificate. Grandfather rights were abolished on **26 November 2015**.

A New Certificate in the Safe Use of Pesticides

City and Guilds has developed a qualification called ‘Safe Use of Pesticides, replacing Grandfather Rights’.

You can obtain this qualification:

- If you were born before 31 December 1964; and
- You will only **use pesticides on your own or employer’s land.**

This qualification takes account of the fact that people who previously worked under “grandfather rights” should already have some form of training and may have many years experience in working with pesticides.

To register for the City and Guilds qualification, please contact either your local training provider or local City and Guilds NPTC Assessment Centres

Other Pesticide Training

Alternatively, you can obtain one of the existing Level 2 Safe Use of Pesticide awards appropriate to the work and type of equipment you use. These are available from your local training provider. This qualification will allow you to **use pesticides on your own or other land**. You **must** take this route if you intend to work as a contractor or apply PPPs to land not owned by you or your employer.

How do I find out more?

Please contact your local training provider for course details and how to enrol.

The Voluntary Initiative has put a set of Frequently Asked Questions on their website: www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk

More information on how you are affected by changes in pesticide regulation is on the Health and Safety Executive website: www.pesticides.gov.uk

Through the Skills and Mentoring programme, eligible individuals registered with Farming Connect can access up to 80% funding for completing short accredited training courses in key areas. For further information visit <http://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect>.