



Category Changes for QAL and QAC Holders

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Subcategories To Be Eliminated:

- L Wood Preservation
- M Anti-fouling Tributyltin
- N Sewer Line Root Control
- O Field Fumigation
- P Microbial Pest Control

New Categories:

- Soil Fumigation (Category L)
- Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M)

For more information on all category changes go to our [website](#) or scan the QR code.

Category Changes for QAL/QAC Holders

Beginning January 1, 2024, the Qualified Applicator License/Certificate (QAL/QAC) subcategories listed will be eliminated and ineligible for renewal.

- Subcategory L – Wood Preservation
- Subcategory M – Anti-Fouling Tributyltin
- Subcategory N – Sewer Line Root Control
- Subcategory O – Field Fumigation
- Subcategory P – Microbial Pest Control

If you hold one or more of these subcategories, review the [QAL/QAC Subcategory Holders Renewal Information](#) document.

There are two new certification categories for Soil Fumigation (Category L) and Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M). If you use pesticide(s) labeled as a fumigant, review the [Qualified Applicator License/Certificate Fumigation Categories](#) document. The applications and examinations to obtain these new categories are available now!

Timeline of Category Changes

The examinations for the new Soil Fumigation (Category L) and Non-Soil Fumigation (Category M) categories are available at DPR's computer-based testing centers now! The study manuals for the new fumigation categories will be available July 2023. Visit DPR's [Certification and Training webpage](#) for information.

If impacted by the new regulatory requirements, DPR encourages you to obtain compliance between July – December 31, 2023. Obtaining compliance prior to January 1, 2024 will allow you to continue conducting your current pest control activities uninterrupted in 2024.

On January 1, 2024, the Certification and Training regulatory requirements are effective

and the existing subcategories that are listed above are eliminated and ineligible for renewal.

Additional information on the Certification and Training regulatory changes that are effective January 1, 2024 can be found on DPR's [Certification and Training webpage](#). Scan the QR code to visit the webpage or click the link.

Timeline of Category Changes

- July 2023**
New Soil and Non-Soil Fumigation examinations available at DPR computer-based testing centers.
- July - December 31, 2023**
Individuals work to obtain compliance with the new regulatory requirements.
- January 1, 2024**
New regulatory requirements take effect.
Subcategories eliminated and ineligible for renewal.

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