

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR REGISTERING AGRICULTURAL AERIAL APPLICATORS, AIRCRAFT,
AND PILOTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PESTICIDE APPLICATION LAW.

1. APPLICATION FOR APPLICATOR LICENSE: You will find enclosed herewith an application form prepared by Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce for your use in applying for a license as an applicator to engage in aerial application. Space is provided on this form for listing the name and address of the principal officers or owners of the firm; FAA license number and rating of each pilot; the make, model, N number, and other information for each aircraft; and other information. Please complete this form and return it to the above address, along with a check for the registration fees. You will note that the application must be notarized. Please be sure the application is notarized before it is returned to the Board. If additional space is needed to list aircraft and pilots, list them on a separate sheet with the information requested on the application, and attach it to the application.
2. APPLICATION FOR PILOT LICENSE: Each pilot is required to be licensed. An application form (enclosed) for each pilot and the pilot license fee should be returned along with the applicator license request. Pilot licensing requirements are printed on the pilot license application form. IN MISSISSIPPI ALL PILOTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN A CURRENT CERTIFICATION STATUS.

YOU MUST PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPHIC I.D. (driver's license)

3. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must furnish the Board with a copy of a valid FAA Part 137 Operators Certificate and a copy of the Statement of Competency from the FAA certifying the chief pilot and supervisor of the operation.

The applicant, or his designee, must pass a written examination, which includes the standards for applicator certification.

4. CHIEF PILOT REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must designate some person to serve as chief pilot and supervisor, which may be himself or some other person. The chief pilot must have at least 500 hours of commercial agricultural aerial applicator flying time as pilot in command, and two years experience either as a chief pilot or as a pilot under the direct supervision of a chief pilot, and submit proof thereof; proof of this experience and flying time may consist of a notarized affidavit, signed by a reputable person who has personal knowledge of the designee's experience, such as another applicator, a State or Federal Regulatory Official, or an officer of a State or National Agricultural Aviation Association.

In addition, the chief pilot must hold a current commercial or airline transport pilot certificate from FAA, submit proof that he has met the knowledge and skill tests requirement and is competent to serve as chief pilot in accordance with FAR 137, and pass a written exam administered by the Board.

5. NON-RESIDENT: All non-resident applicants for an applicators license are required to appoint a resident agent upon whom process may be served in the event of any litigation in Mississippi. Forms for use by companies operating as individuals, partnerships, or corporations may be obtained from the Agricultural Aviation Board for the appointment of a resident process agent. Most companies appoint the Secretary of State as this is the simplest legal procedure. Any non-resident licensee, however, may appoint any citizen of

the State of Mississippi as their resident process agent. Normally we mail applicants Power of Attorney forms for use by a company doing business as a corporation unless otherwise requested. Upon receipt of the Power of Attorney forms, they should be completed and mailed DIRECT to the Secretary of State, P. O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205, for proper recording, along with a check in the amount of \$37.00 made payable to the Secretary of State to cover recording fees. The Secretary of State will then provide the Board with a certified copy for our files. The Power of Attorney will then remain in force indefinitely unless revoked by you; consequently, this will not be an annual reoccurring item.

6. **RESIDENTS:** Since non-residents licensees are required to appoint a resident agent upon whom service of process may be served, resident licensees may be called upon at any time to establish proof of residency in the State of Mississippi. If you are a qualified voter and own a home, you could have your local Tax Assessor certify to the Board that you have filed a Homestead Exemption on your home for the current year. While one of these two proofs are preferred, if you do not come under either of these categories, the Board will accept a certified statement from your local sheriff that you own and regularly pay taxes on real or personal property such as an automobile. If your proof of residency cannot be established, it will be necessary for you to appoint a resident process agent as outlined for non-resident applicants in Item 4 above.
7. **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The minimum amount of financial responsibility required for an applicator is:
 - \$100,000 bodily injury for any one person,
 - \$300,000 bodily injury for any one occurrence,
 - \$100,000 property damage for any one occurrence, for each aircraft registered, and
 - \$500,000 annual property damage aggregate

FURNISH A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND A COPY OF THE INSURANCE POLICY.

8. **REGISTRATION FEES:** The registration fee is \$150.00 per aircraft and \$150.00 per pilot.

After your application form has been received and processed by the Bureau of Plant Industry, registration decals for each aircraft, I. D. cards for the operator and each pilot, and the license will be issued by return mail.