



Change in Licencing Regulations Victoria

****Please note this only effects people that were licensed on and before 2002****

Under previous regulations, operators who held a licence on 26 October 2002 were exempt from qualification requirements (colloquially known as the 'grandfather clause').

This exemption has been removed and operators previously licensed under the Grandfather Clause will now be required to demonstrate formally that they meet the prescribed competency requirements.

What does this mean for me?

This means that if your licence has been issued based on the Grandfather Clause exemption you may need to provide the Department of Health with proof that you have completed additional units of competency in order to retain your current licence authorisations.

This will apply for subsequent licence renewals following the conclusion of the transitional period after 31 December 2021.

This additional authorisation will provide consistency for licence holders, particularly those operating across jurisdictional boundaries, and reduces regulatory burden.

For a table outlining the transition of licence authorisations and units of competency please visit the [Public Health & Wellbeing Regulations 2019](#).

The Pesticide Safety Team will communicate with pest control operators licensed under the Grandfather Clause directly to advise of their individual requirements.

Some pest control operators may need to undergo a process of recognition of prior learning or undertake further training. If you do not have a current urban pest management attainment or certificate stating Units 5,6,18,8 and 10 from a registered training organisation when applying to the Department of Health Pesticide Team for your license, you need to obtain one to retain your current licence authorisations.

You may be eligible for funding under the "Skills Checkpoint for Older Workers" program and "Skills & Training Incentive"

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SKILLS CHECKPOINT OLDER WORKERS FUNDING TO ASSIST TOWARDS FUTURE STUDY (5 units)

- **Must be:** 45 to 70 year old, Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident and if unemployed up to 9 months only. Can be on Job Keeper.
- **You cannot be on Centrelink or Govt. schemes** including Job Active Agencies.

VERTO helps eligible participants source up to \$2,200 (inc. GST) in government funding to put towards their study, a co-contributor. For further information please email your enquiry to: **Ronece Dobrowolski** – Career Advisor Email address: rdobrowolski@verto.org.au TO CHECK ELIGIBILITY please email.



How do I apply?

Step 1

Contact Verto via email rdobrowolski@verto.org.au or call 1300 483 786 and [check if you are eligible for funding.](#)

Step 2

Create an account on PestLearn.com.au
To create a PestLearn account - [click here](#)

You will be sent a Time Training electronic PDF enrolment form to either fill out electronically or print out, please complete, scan and return to mjwagner@pestlearn.com
(Time Education and Training RTO #40058)

Step 3

Start your Urban Pest Management certificate upgrade

Step 4 Once you have completed the requirements, you will be issued with a certificate of attainment.

Step 5

Apply for a licence with the [Victorian Department of Health Pesticide Safety Team](#)

Please contact the AEPMA National Office on 1300 307 114 or via email info@aepma.com.au for further information.

Yours sincerely,

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