

## **Apply online for pesticide licences**

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, businesses or individuals that need a pesticide licence from the ministry started applying online. Moving pesticide licences online is the latest permission to move from paper-based to Electronic Service Delivery.

### **Streamlining the Process**

Prior to September 4<sup>th</sup>, paper-based pesticide licence applications were submitted to the ministry. Once each application package was determined to be complete, it was reviewed and evaluated by ministry staff.

By implementing an online process, applicants simply create a ServiceOntario and ministry account online to submit their complete application through the Ministry's electronic system (the Permissions Enterprise Platform). If the application and supporting documentation meet all ministry requirements, a pesticide licence is issued immediately.

The ministry's streamlined, risk-based approach makes it faster and more efficient for applicants to obtain or renew a pesticide licence online, while continuing to ensure the protection of the environment and human health.

There are more than 21,000 active pesticide licences in Ontario. Approximately 5,200 licences are up for renewal each year.

The public will also benefit from greater transparency in Ontario's pesticide licensing program. Non-confidential information from all licences issued will be available to the public via [Access Environment](#). The new online application process also supports the government's initiatives of creating efficiencies for businesses.

Note: There are no changes to the application fee or licence requirements, and the new online process only applies to pesticide licences. Pesticide permits will continue to be processed at the local [MECP regional or district office](#) for the time being.

### **What can you do?**

Applicants who require a new pesticide licence or need to renew an existing pesticide licence will need to create a ServiceOntario and ministry account. More information about the account creation process can be found on the Ontario.ca webpage, on the [Set up ServiceOntario and MOECC account](#) page. Additionally, the ministry has developed numerous video tutorials that provide a step-by-step walkthrough of the account creation process. Links to the tutorials can be found under the Learn More section.

**Learn More:**

- [Access Environment](#)
  - [Account Creation Video Tutorials](#)
  - [Pesticide Licences and Permits](#)
  - [Pesticides Rules and Certification](#)
- [Regulatory Amendments: Moving Pesticide Licensing Program from Paper-based to Electronic](#)