

Pesticide Application by Drone Regulations and Licence Requirements



New Health Canada Policy for Applying Pesticides by Drone

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) (hereafter referred to as drones)

On June 30, 2026, Health Canada published a “ [New Science Policy \(SPN2026-02\)](#) allowing use of drones for pesticide application for products registered for aerial application.

Drones are considered aircraft by Transport Canada and represent a new method of pesticide application in Manitoba. The commercial pesticide applicators using drones must meet the same requirements as other commercial pesticide applicators.

Applicators and Farmers using Drones to Apply Pesticides

- Commercial applicators and farmers are both **required to follow pesticide label directions**.
- **Only pesticides registered for aerial application can be applied by drones, and all label requirements must be met.**
- Applicators and farmers must **comply with all [Transport Canada](#) regulations**.

Note: Farmers are exempt from commercial pesticide applicator licensing requirements as per current provisions of [The Pesticides and Fertilizers Control Act](#).

Commercial Drone Applicator Certification and Licensing

Individuals seeking to provide commercial pesticide application services using drones must successfully complete and pass both the Pesticide Core and Drone Class examinations offered through Assiniboine College.

Before applying for a commercial pesticide applicator licence in Drone class, applicants must contact Manitoba Agriculture at AGRpesticides@gov.mb.ca. Department staff will provide important information regarding certification requirements, and licensing procedures specific to drone pesticide application.

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