

How are Statements of Exemption applications assessed?

Applications are assessed in accordance with the criteria listed previously on a case by case basis. In view of the diversity of qualifications, background and experience of applicants, these criteria are regarded as guidelines rather than absolutes in assessing applications.

1. Applications for exemption can be submitted online at www.sahealthcsl.net/new-pest-control.
2. An inspection and interview is conducted for each applicant.
3. While each application will be considered on its own merits, exemptions will generally be granted to persons who satisfy all or most of the criteria listed above.
4. Only products available to home gardeners will be approved for use by exempt persons.
5. An exemption is granted for a period of three years in the form of a written Statement of Exemption.
6. In addition to the standard conditions set out on the Statement of Exemption, further specific conditions may be imposed.

Varying and reviewing a Statement of Exemption

Once a Statement of Exemption is issued there is no scope for conducting pest control activities or using pesticides other than what is stipulated on the written statement.

While Statements of Exemption are free of any fees, undertaking pest control activities or using pesticides not specifically stated on the written Statement of Exemption constitutes an offence for which fines and penalties apply.

If exemption holders need to vary their exemption, a written request outlining these changes is required.

CSL will assess the request and approve or reject it based on whether changes fit within the Regulations and the approved criteria for granting an exemption.

Statements of Exemption are reviewed every three years from the date of issue, or as otherwise required. Reviewing the terms of an exemption will result in the exemption being continued (if still required), varied (if changes are needed), or revoked (if no longer required or appropriate).

For more information

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Introduction

The *Controlled Substances (Pesticides) Regulations 2017* (the Regulations) were written primarily to control the activities of persons involved in the commercial pest control industry, and are administered by Controlled Substances Licensing (CSL), SA Health.

An exemption enables an individual to undertake pest control work for fee or reward without holding a Pest Management Technician's licence or a Pest Controller's licence.

Pests includes insect, rodent and weed pests, and **pesticides** includes insecticides, rodenticides and herbicides.

Pest control work means using a pesticide to kill, stupefy, repel, inhibit the feeding of, or modify the physiology of a pest, and includes handling a pesticide.

Pest control business means a business where pest control work is performed for another for fee or reward (eg. payment in money or goods or services).

Two types of exemption

The General Exemption

The Regulations do not apply in relation to pest control work, even if for fee or reward, that consists **only** of:

- (a) the application of **glyphosate** by means of
 - (i) hand-held equipment with a tank having a maximum capacity of 15 litres or less; or
 - (ii) a brush or similar implement; or
- (b) measuring, mixing, weighing or otherwise preparing glyphosate for application by such means.

As the Regulations do not apply in these circumstances, you can undertake this kind of pest control work, including for fee or reward, without contacting or applying to CSL.

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Occasionally people who do not work in the pest control industry and who do not satisfy the general exemption provisions need to use pesticides in the course of their work (eg landscapers, gardeners, turf-care contractors). In cases where the use of pesticides is secondary to the main activity, provision has been made in the Regulations to exempt a person from holding a licence.

Generally, eligible people will fit the following criteria:

- > self employed
- > carry out work in which pesticide application plays only a minor part but is an essential adjunct or necessary aid to their main function
- > do not regard themselves to be pest controllers or technicians
- > do not advertise the pest control part of their services
- > do not compete with the established pest control industry



- > purchase and use only small quantities of pesticides of low to moderate toxicity that are available for home garden use
- > have a reasonable understanding of the safe handling, storage and use of the pesticides they will use
- > have a reasonable understanding of the precautions to protect public health and the environment.

Applying for a Statement of Exemption

To apply for a Statement of Exemption visit www.sahealthcsl.net/new-pest-control. Once your application has been received you will be contacted to arrange a suitable time for an interview and inspection. If your application is successful the Statement of Exemption will be issued and posted to you. There are no fees for Statements of Exemption.

