

Frequently Asked Questions about GI-BMP Certification and LCFAC (the Fertilizer License)

GI-BMP FAQs:

Training:

How do I find out where in-person training is offered?

A list of all In-Person Training opportunities can be found on the GI-BMP Training Website (<https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu/>) under “Training Schedule”.

How does DVD training work? How do I get a DVD?

Instructions for DVD training are located on the GI-BMP Training Website (<https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu/>). Click “DVD Training” on the dark blue navigation bar. Select “How it works/student policies” to open a pdf explaining the DVD training procedures.

The DVD request form is also on this page at the link “Order DVD”. (<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/professionals/dvd-order.htm>)

How do I sign up for online training?

You can sign up for online training on the GI-BMP Training Website. The cost is \$15. (<https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu/>)

Do you offer Spanish Training?

Beginning in December, Spanish language training will be available online and on DVD. Spanish training and testing is currently through in-person classes only. A listing of in-person trainings can be found on the GI-BMP Training website under Training Schedule. The schedule can be filtered to easily locate Spanish classes.

Certification:

What is the quickest way to become GI-BMP certified?

Taking the Online Training and Test is the quickest way to obtain your certificate. Once you have passed your test, your certificate will be mailed within 1-2 business days and a pdf scan can be sent via email to the Trainee upon request.

I took the class and passed the test. When will I receive my certificate?

If you took the online test, your certificate will be mailed within 1-2 business days. For those who took an in-person test, the results are usually mailed within 10 business days of the testing date.

I lost my certificate. How do I get a new one?

The trainee can request a copy of his/her certificate by filling out the online replacement form. http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/professionals/BMP_replace_certificate_form.htm

I think I may already be certified. How can I tell?

Click “Certification List” on the sidebar of the GI-BMP Training Website (<https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu>) to view a list of everyone certified since 2006, arranged by county. If you don’t see your name, it may be listed under a previous work address or your home county.

To correct information that has changed, click the Update Your Information link and complete the online form. (http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/professionals/BMP_contact_update_form.htm)

If you are not listed and believe you should be, please contact the State Office at gi.bmp@ifas.ufl.edu or call 352-273-4517.

I took the GI-BMP training several years ago. Is my certificate still valid?

FDACS accepts GI-BMP Certification received in 2006 or after. Some counties and municipalities require re-certification based on local ordinances.

Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate (LCFAC) FAQs:

When is the deadline to have a fertilizer license?

The deadline to have a Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate (LCFAC) is January 1, 2014.

What do I need to apply?

Requirements for application (as listed on the FDACS application form):

- The certificate number from your GI-BMP training certificate of completion
- A current, clearly recognizable, full face, head and shoulders photograph measuring approximately 1-1/2 x 1-1/2 inches in size even if already on file.
- A \$25.00 fee

How do I get the application?

You can now apply for the Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate online by going to <https://aesecomm.freshfromflorida.com/>

You can also call FDACS at 850-617-7997 and request an application or download the application form at: <http://forms.freshfromflorida.com/13677.pdf>. The application is in Forms & Publications under “Application For Limited Certification For Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer (FDACS-13677)”

How do I know if I need a fertilizer license? Who enforces the deadline?

Florida law requires all persons who make fertilizer applications commercially (“for-hire”) to have the Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate (LCFAC) from FDACS by January 1, 2014 (Florida Statute 482.1562).

Questions should be referred to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 850-617-7997.

Do I need to provide proof of liability insurance to obtain my commercial fertilizer license?

No, you do not need proof of liability insurance to make application.