



**SOUTH DAKOTA  
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**To:** All South Dakota Medical Cannabis Cultivation Establishments

**Re:** Mandatory Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Effective January 1, 2025

This notice serves to inform all Medical Cannabis Cultivation establishments in South Dakota that, as of January 1, 2025, it will be mandatory for an establishment agent to obtain a Commercial Pesticide Applicator License. Individuals must pass the required category G – General (core) and category 4 – Ornamental & Turf Pest Control certification exams.

The South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program (SDMCP) has been made aware that many cultivators are earning a *private* pesticide applicator license which does not meet the requirements set forth in [ARSD 44:90:05:07](#).

The SDMCP is granting establishments until January 1, 2025, to become compliant with the administrative rule requirement.

Any questions can be directed to [MCQuestions@state.sd.us](mailto:MCQuestions@state.sd.us).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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