



State of ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

Pesticide Management Division

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TESTING INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Thank you for your interest in taking the **Tree Surgery (TS)** exam, which is administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture (ADAI). There are two ways to test in this category:

- (1) The most convenient way to test is to take a computer-based exam at one of our testing sites. Tests are given on a weekly basis, and we have testing centers in Athens, Auburn, Birmingham, Hanceville, Headland, Millbrook, Mobile, and Pelham. The fee for a computer-based exam is \$125 per exam (\$75 state fee plus \$50 administrative fee). To sign up for an exam, please visit <http://apply.adaitesting.com> to submit your application, being sure to include a qualification statement if required (follow onscreen instructions). Once ADAI has approved your application, you will receive an approval email; please save this email and follow the instructions therein. It is during this second phase that you will pay for and schedule your exam.
- (2) You may take a paper-based exam at the ADAI facility in Montgomery. Professional service exams are given four times a year on the third Tuesday in March, June, September, and December. Preregistration is required; please submit your application and qualification statement (if required) 30 days prior to exam date. You may download and print the Professional Services Exam Application at <http://agi.alabama.gov/divisions/pesticide-management/certification-and-testing>.

For questions related to testing, please contact the Certification & Training Unit at (334)240-7243.



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WHAT TO DO ONCE YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR TEST

Once you have passed the **Tree Surgery (TS)** exam administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture (ADAI), you need to apply for an annual Professional Services permit if you will be going into business for yourself. The Application for Professional Services Permit-Horticulture can be found under the Professional Services tab of our website: <http://agi.alabama.gov/divisions/pesticide-management/>. The fee for this annual permit is \$175/year and covers the period of October 1 – September 30 and must be renewed before November 1 each year to avoid being delinquent. For questions related to the Professional Services Permit-Horticulture, please contact Professional Services at (334)240-7269.

- If for any reason the permit holder decides to not renew the annual permit, the holder is required to notify the department (in writing) of that decision. Please mail such correspondence to the above address.

***Note:** Tree Surgery is a lifetime category (i.e., the exam results never expire); therefore, please retain a copy of your test results for future reference.*