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AERIAL APPLICATORS, AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTION SHEET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PESTICIDE APPLICATION LAW

APPLICATOR LICENSE APPLICATION

This application is for a license as an applicator to engage in aerial application.

- As a federal requirement, the applicant must provide a copy of a valid FAA Part 137 Operators Certificate. The applicant, or his/her designee, must pass a written examination which includes the standards for applicator certification.
- Complete all required information on the application. Application **must be notarized** prior to returning it to the address listed on the form along with a check for the registration fees. If additional space is needed to list aircraft and pilots, use a separate sheet and attach it to the main application form.
- **NON-RESIDENT:**
All non-resident applicants for applicator license are required to appoint a resident agent upon whom process may be served in the event of any litigation in Mississippi. Most companies appoint the Secretary of State as this is the simplest legal procedure. Any non-resident licensee, however, may appoint any citizen of the State of Mississippi as their resident process agent.

Companies doing business as corporations need to complete Power of Attorney for Corporation forms. Mail the completed form to the Secretary of State, P. O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205 along with a check payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$37.00 to cover recording fees. The Secretary of State will provide us with a certified copy for our files. The Power of Attorney will remain in force indefinitely unless revoked by you; consequently, this will not be an annual reoccurring item.

Companies operating as individuals or partnerships need to use the Power of Attorney for Individuals or Partnerships forms for the appointment of a resident process agent. Mail completed form and a \$37.00 check payable to the Secretary of State for recording fees to the Secretary of State, P. O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205.

- **RESIDENT:**
Since non-resident licensees are required to appoint a resident agent upon whom service of process may be served, resident licensees may be called upon at any time to establish proof of residency in the State of Mississippi.

If you are a qualified voter and own a home, you could have your local Tax Assessor certify that you have filed a Homestead Exemption on your home for the current year. While one of these two proofs are preferred, if you do not come under either of these categories, we will accept a certified statement from your local sheriff that you own and regularly pay taxes on real or personal property such as an automobile. If your proof of residency cannot be established, it will be necessary for you to appoint a resident process agent as outlined for non-resident applicants above.

- **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The minimum amount of financial responsibility required for an applicator is:

\$100,000 bodily injury for any one person,

\$300,000 bodily injury for any one occurrence,

\$100,000 property damage for any one occurrence, for each aircraft registered, and

\$500,000 annual property damage aggregate

Applicants must ask his/her insurance provider to complete the Certificate of Insurance form. Completed form must be emailed directly from the insurance agent to agaviation@mdac.ms.gov.

PILOT LICENSE APPLICATION

- Each pilot is required to be licensed. Pilot licensing requirements are listed on the application form.
- Pilot must be properly rated by the FAA for the aircraft to be used.
- Complete all the required information on the application and return it to the address listed along with a check for the pilot license fee.
- A copy of a government-issued photo identification ID, such as a Driver's License, and current commercial or airline transport pilot certificate, must be attached to the application.

Important: In Mississippi all pilots are required to attend a training session each year to maintain their current certification status.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee is \$150.00 per aircraft and \$150.00 per pilot.

After your application form has been received and processed by the Bureau of Plant Industry, registration decals for each aircraft, ID cards for the operator and each pilot, and the license will be issued by return mail.