**Section 830.300 Application for Certification in Illinois as a Structural Pest Control Technician by Reciprocity**

a) An individual classified as a certified structural pest control technician or applicator in another state and who is not an Illinois resident may obtain Illinois certification as a structural pest control technician provided that:

1) The state in which the applicant is certified has certification requirements substantially equal to those of the State of Illinois; and

2) The individual is a resident of the state where original certification was obtained and is still actively certified in that state.

b) An individual shall be allowed to obtain reciprocal certification only in the areas or categories for which he/she was certified by closed book examination in the other state.

c) An applicant desiring to obtain reciprocal certification shall have the state in which he/she is certified submit a letter on agency letterhead to the Department that includes the following information:

1) Name and address of applicant;

2) Employer name and address;

3) Classification of certification (commercial for hire, commercial not-for-hire, etc.);

4) Certificate I.D. number and license I.D. number;

5) Date first certified/licensed;

6) Date of certification/license expiration;

7) Categories for which the individual is certified, along with a brief description of each category;

8) Overall certification status (legal action against certificate/license holder in the past or present, etc.); and

9) Whether the certification examination was an open book or closed book examination.

d) An applicant who has received approval for reciprocal certification pursuant to this Section will then be required to complete the application for certification as a structural pest control technician and submit the application and fee to the Department in accordance with Section 830.120.

e) Reciprocal applicants shall maintain their certification in their resident state in order for their reciprocal certification to remain active in Illinois. Loss of certification in the reciprocal applicant's resident state for any reason shall also result in the loss of reciprocal certification in Illinois.

f) Residents of Illinois shall not be allowed to obtain reciprocal certification in Illinois.

g) Once an applicant receives reciprocal certification in Illinois, the applicant shall be subject to all of the requirements of the Act and this Part.

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