

# PESTICIDES & TOXIC CHEMICALS INSPECTOR



## The duties of the professional Inspector are:

- To protect human health and the environment from sub-standard pesticides or unlawful pesticides use by the enforcement of the Pesticides & Toxic Chemicals Act and Regulations.
- To execute border control.
- To detect the illegal trafficking of pesticides and toxic chemicals and prevent them from becoming accessible by the general public.
- To conduct complaint investigations.
- To inspect and issue licenses to premises that sell, store, package and manufacture pesticides and store toxic chemicals for the purposes of sale, packaging and manufacturing.
- To participate in public awareness campaigns and training of persons in the safe handling and use of pesticides and toxic chemicals.
- To prosecute and conduct before a court of summary jurisdiction any information, complaint or other proceeding for an offence against the Act.

## Steps to begin your career

Aspiring Inspectors should study Biology, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Mathematics, English A, and Physics at the CSEC level. These subjects will enable the student to have a strong technical foundation in soil science, agronomy, and chemicals management. The attainment of passes in at least five subject areas will allow for progression to the advanced level.

Students should also pursue subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Agricultural Science at the CAPE level. Students who choose to forgo this can pursue a pre-university or associate degree in Agriculture at UWI Open Campus or UTT's Eastern Caribbean Institute of Agriculture and Forestry (ECIAF). These subject areas will strengthen the student's technical foundation in pesticides and hazardous chemicals life cycle management.

To become a full professional in this area, a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy, Agriculture, Soil Science, Health and Safety, Environmental Science or a related Applied Science is essential. This degree should be from an accredited tertiary institution. In Trinidad and Tobago institutions such as the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) are available options.

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