Due to safety and liability concerns, Caltrans requires Adopt-A-Highway volunteers who apply herbicides on the right of way to be licensed, even though the California Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR) does not. Requirements vary with the location of the herbicide application and are listed below.

## HERBICIDE APPLICATION ON HIGHWAY ROADSIDES

- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with the “C. Right-of-Way” pest control category.
- or
- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with the “C. Right-of-Way” pest control category.

## HERBICIDE APPLICATION AT PARK AND RIDES

- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with the “C. Right-of-Way” pest control category.
- or
- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with the “C. Right-of-Way” pest control category.
- or
- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator License (QAL) with the “B. Landscape Maintenance” pest control category.
- or
- The volunteer applying the herbicide must have a Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) with the “B. Landscape Maintenance” pest control category.

## PEDESTRIAN RECOMMENDATION

A Pest Control Recommendation is required by law.

An adopter's plans and schedules must indicate that herbicides will be used, but the Pest Control Recommendation (detailing the type of herbicide and its application rate) is not due until shortly before the herbicides are applied.

Prior to each application, the adopter must submit a Pest Control Recommendation to the District Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator. The Adopt-a-Coordinator will have the Pest Control Recommendation approved by a District Landscape Specialist. Once approved, a copy will be kept in the adopter's file, a copy will be sent to the Maintenance Supervisor, and the original returned to the adopter. After application, a “Pesticide Usage Report” must be submitted to the Maintenance Supervisor.

Only Department-approved herbicides can be applied within the State’s right-of-way. Caltrans Districts will provide a list of approved herbicides to adopters. Caltrans' employees will not write pest control recommendations for adopters or their contractors. Adopters must have this service provided by a DPR-licensed, Agricultural Pest Control Adviser.