



# NEWSLETTER

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## Introduction

PCITA is a reputable training organisation, which will maintain an independent and credible position within the pest management industry providing high-quality, industry standard training programmes at competitive prices to existing and potential customers. The Pest Control Training Academy is committed to establish an ongoing strategic planning process by which the needs are to offer high industry standard training. PCITA is associated with registered, experienced training facilitators and qualified registered Assessors of high esteem in all regions.

## Training is key to Professional Pest Management!

These courses are designed to meet the needs of those new to Pest Control and experienced Individuals looking to upgrade their skills.

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PCITA is accredited with AgriSeta and QCTO as an Education and Training Provider,  
AgriSeta Code: AGRI/cprov/0192/08

QCTO Accreditation Number: 07-QCTO/SDP030725073422



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# Congratulations to our students

## Structural Health & Nuisance Course

- Gauteng
- Assessor: Joubert Smith



## Structural Health & Nuisance Course

- Durban
- Assessor: Sue Alcock



## Fumigation Course

- Gauteng
- Assessor: Johan Stephens





# APRIL COURSES 2026



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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08 - 10 APR		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE- GAUTENG, KWAZULU-NATAL				
15 - 17 APR		FOOD SAFETY & PEST CONTROL AUDIT- MS TEAMS				
15 - 17 APR		FUMIGATION - DURBAN				
22 - 24 APR		WEED & ALIEN INVADER PLANT- MS TEAMS				
22 - 24 APR		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE- GAUTENG				
28 - 30 APR		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE- MS TEAMS				



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# E-Learning

An online platform where you can complete the course in your own time over a period of time (30 days). Training material, videos are available. An attendance certificate will be issued after successfully completing the course.

One-on-one evaluations with the Assessor: Structural Health & Nuisance, Weed and Alien Invader plant and Pre-Post Construction of Termiticide Application

<b>STRUCTURAL HEALTH &amp; NUISANCE</b>	<b>R4 800</b>
<b>WEED AND ALIEN INVADER PLANT</b>	<b>R5 000</b>
<b>PRE/POST CONSTRUCTION TERMITICIDE APPLICATION</b>	<b>R3 600</b>
<b>FOOD SAFETY (HACCP)</b>	<b>R2 600</b>
<b>SOP FOR CLEANING &amp; DISINFECTING</b>	<b>R1 300</b>
<b>MANAGING CONFLICT IN THE WORKPLACE</b>	<b>R1 500</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b>	<b>R900</b>

# NQF 5 Distance Learning

A distance learning course where you can complete the course over a period of one year (12 months - recommended). All Training material is provided. A Certificate of Competency will be issued upon completion of the final Practical Assessment covering theory and practical experience. This certificate of competency can be submitted to the Department of Agriculture to obtain a P number.

## ***NQF Level 5 Courses***

- Health & Nuisance Pest Management
- Weed Invader Plant Management
- Wood Destroying Organisms Management
- Stored Agricultural Products Pest Management
- Fumigation Management

***Suitable for companies where employees can do their practical training under qualified PCO supervision***



# Practical Training under Supervision

- > PCITA offers practical training, and the program consists of 12 sessions
- > R800 per session
- > Payment for the practical session must be made in advance for the first 6 sessions at the time of registration.

## Requirements

- > Structural Health and Nuisance Course Certificate
- > Personal Protective equipment

## Regions

- > Gauteng and Cape Town

***Please contact the office for more information***

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# Pesticides: Harm to Non-Target Species

We know that pesticides can be harmful to people. Some pesticides may harm beneficial insects, fish, birds, wildlife, domestic animals and plants.

Always follow the label directions and precautions to prevent harm to non-target species.

## a. Bees

Bees are important beneficial insects because they produce honey and they pollinate tree fruits, small fruits, legumes, and other vegetables. Bees can be poisoned by pesticides in two ways:

- Through direct exposure during spray operations.
- Through indirect exposure, if the pollen they collect and store in the hive is contaminated with pesticide.

The extent of damage to bee populations will be influenced by the kind of exposure, the toxicity of the pesticide, and its persistence.

You will know that bees are being affected by a pesticide if you see:

- Large numbers of dead bees in front of hives.
- Aggressive bees.
- Slow moving bees (possible carbamate poisoning).
- Sudden decrease in the number of bees.

## b. Other Beneficial Insects

Beneficial insects, such as the Praying Mantis and the Lady Bird Beetle (Ladybug), prey on pests. These insects help to control pest populations naturally. Widespread use of pesticides can kill beneficial insects as well as the target pests. If the number of beneficial insects is decreased, the natural balance is upset. There are fewer natural enemies to keep the pests under control. Those pests that survive the spraying may multiply quickly because of the lack of natural predators.

## c. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Some pesticides are highly toxic to fish and other aquatic life. A high concentration of a pesticide in water may kill fish, other aquatic life or the organisms they eat. Lower concentrations may affect the fish's ability to

reproduce or cause other long term damage. Pesticides can also accumulate in fish and make them unsuitable for human consumption.

Protect fish and other aquatic life, by preventing direct and indirect contamination of water sources.

## d. Birds, Wildlife & Domestic Animals

Direct and indirect exposure to pesticides is dangerous for birds, wildlife, and domestic animals. Pesticide poisoning can cause death or harm an animal's health and ability to reproduce.

Direct exposure to pesticides usually occurs during pesticide applications. This can happen through drift, runoff, soil erosion, leaching or through the careless release of pesticides into the water. Wildlife, birds and other animals can be harmed if their nests, dens and burrows are contaminated.

Indirect exposure occurs most often because food or water supplies have been contaminated with pesticides. For example, pesticides may remove food organisms or aquatic vegetation and disrupting fish habitat. If stream-side vegetation is damaged, shade will be reduced and food sources may be destroyed. Birds may also be poisoned if they eat granular insecticides.





# Assessor - Western Cape Consultant Position

**THIS ROLE IS AN EMPLOYMENT EQUITY POSITION YOUR CV WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT A COPY OF YOUR P-NUMBER FROM DALRRD WITH RELEVANT SPECIALIZATION FIELDS. (STRUCTURAL, WEED CONTROL)**

## **About Us:**

PCITA is an Accredited Training Academy, offering different training courses with a reputation for quality service and high professional standards. We're now looking for an Assessor in **Cape Town** to conduct training in pest control.

We are seeking a facilitator to deliver training sessions on an as-needed basis (roster- based position) Engagements will be offered according to course demand and scheduling requirements. PCITA will carry the cost of the Assessor qualification for the successful candidate.

## **Role Overview:**

This is an ideal position for someone interested in professional training in pest control, with a hands-on training provider. You will be required to present, assist with learning material, presentations, and interacting with students.

## **Requirements:**

- PCO license – Registered with DALRRD with Structural and Weed Control as specialization fields
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Attention to detail and a methodical approach
- Ability to build positive working relationships with a diverse range of individuals

## **To Apply:**

Send your CV and a short cover letter explaining why you're interested in this role to [lynette@pcita.org.za](mailto:lynette@pcita.org.za)

Include a copy of your P-number from DALRRD.

If you do not receive a response from PCITA within 5 days of submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.



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