



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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Congratulations to our students

**Congratulations to the students
On-site training conducted by a PCITA
Assessor - Matthys de Beer**



**Weed & Alien Invader Plant
Students during the practical tasks for
weed and Alien invader course in
Gauteng**

**Weed and Alien Invader Plant
Gauteng
Assessor: Anzelle van Niekerk**





November 2025 Courses



NOVEMBER COURSES

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05 - 07 NOV		WEED & ALIEN INVADER PLANT- MS TEAMS				
05 - 07 NOV		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE - GP, KZN, CPT				
12 - 14 NOV		FUMIGATION - MS TEAMS				
19 - 21 NOV		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE - GP				
20 - 21 NOV		PRE-POST CONSTRUCTION OF TERMITES- MS TEAMS				
26 - 28 NOV		STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE- MS TEAMS				
26-28 NOV		FUMIGATION- GP				



December 2025 Courses



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03 - 05 DEC STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE- GP, KZN,CPT

08 - 10 DEC FOOD SAFETY (HACCP) & PEST CONTROL AUDIT- GP

PCITA will be closing

12 Dec 2025
re-open
06 Jan 2026



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, Weed control and Pre-Post construction of Termiticide Application

STRUCTURAL HEALTH & NUISANCE	R4 800
WEED AND ALIEN INVADER PLANT	R5 000
PRE/POST CONSTRUCTION TERMITICIDE APPLICATION	R3 600
FOOD SAFETY (HACCP)	R2 600
SOP FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTING	R1 300
MANAGING CONFLICT IN THE WORKPLACE	R1 500
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY	R2 200



NQF 5 Distance Learning

A distance learning course where you can complete the course over a period of one year (12 months). Training material is provided. A Certificate of Competency will be issued after completing the final Practical Assessment on theory and practical experience. This certificate of competency can be submitted to DOA to issue 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, Klerksdorp and Rustenburg, Nelspruit and Bloemfontein

Registrations are open for Cape Town

Please contact the office for more information



Controlling Ants in the Home

By Paul T. McCoy

Ants play an important role in the environment but they are considered pests when they invade the house. They damage clothes and furniture by creating holes in them and they also contaminate food. Ants enter the house in search for water, food and shelter. Getting rid of them effectively may need one or two methods.

Ants are one of the most common and frequent insects inside the house. Homeowners find them really annoying and irritating because they cause harm and damage on persons and in the properties and home structures. In reality, there are various type of species of ants that enter your home. Each type of ants have different characteristics and may require different approach in controlling them. The common house ant that invade the home are pharaoh ants or carpenter ants. To identify what type of ants you have in your home, get a few ant samples in a piece of plastic and then seek the help of an expert or pest control firm.



Pharaoh Ant



Carpenter Ant

It is very frustrating to control ants in the home. You should distinguish the type of ants in your home and know how to control them. You must also be aware of when to seek professional help in dealing with your ant problems. Ants are considered social insects and who live together. A group of ants is called a colony. One colony may have hundreds to millions of members depending on the specie. Each colony has different ant personalities with different roles and responsibilities. Each colony has a queen that lay eggs. Other members are the "worker ants" that work to get food for the group.

In searching for food, they follow a certain trail that they follow to and from their "home". Winged ants are call "swarmers", they are the ones responsible to mate are able to create a new colony. When a swarmer goes out of the nest, it means that there are eggs inside the house. Swarmers may look the same as termites but they somehow differ in looks and characteristics. Ants have small waists while termites have the same width from head to below. The wings of ants are different in sizes - front wings are bigger than the hind wings while in termites, all wings have the same size. Also, ants' antennae are bent while it is straight on termites.



Ants can be totally eliminated by spraying pesticides in their nests - killing the queens and workers inside. It is not effective to just only spray the visible ants that are marching on your walls or kitchen surfaces. Ants' nests are usually found behind walls and doors, furniture, appliances, kitchen and cabinets. It is sometimes hard to find their nests because their homes are hidden. Installing baits can help eliminate them and find their nests. One advantage of using baits is that ants may bring the bait in their nests causing harm to ants that are in the nests including the queens and workers. There are readily available ant baits that are sold in the market, hardware or grocery stores. Put the baits where the ants go. If their trail is visible, it is best to put the bait near the trail. Do not spray pesticides near the bait because ants may smell it and will avoid going to the bait. Likewise, if the ants are already eating the baits, avoid spraying them too so that they will eat the bait and bring some in their nests which may also destroy other ants.

Ants may also nest outside the house. Try to look for their nests and eliminate it too. You can also use bait outside the house near the ants' trail.

Other well-known methods of eliminating the ants in your home is by using cinnamons, catnips, dish washing soap, vinegar, black pepper, bay leaves, whole cloves, and mint leaves. If you are not familiar of these, try to research them on the net and see how they work.



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