

**WAC 16-401-045 Christmas tree grower license fees.** (1) All Christmas tree growers, except those exempted in subsection (5) of this section, must obtain a Christmas tree grower license.

(2) The licensing period for a Christmas tree grower license is February 1st to January 31st.

(3) The annual fee for a Christmas tree grower license is forty dollars plus an acreage assessment of three dollars per acre. The annual Christmas tree grower license fee for any person may not exceed five thousand dollars.

(4) Growers must submit an application for Christmas tree grower license and the annual fee to the department by February 1st.

(5) Any Christmas tree grower owning Christmas trees, whose business consists solely of retail sales to the ultimate consumer, is exempt from the requirements of this section if:

(a) The grower has less than one acre of Christmas trees; or

(b) The grower harvests, by u-cut or otherwise, fewer than four hundred Christmas trees per year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.13.311, chapter 34.05 RCW, 2007 c 335, and 2009 c 564. WSR 09-22-091, § 16-401-045, filed 11/4/09, effective 1/1/10.]