

2.20 LEAD PAINT TRAINING AND INSTRUCTOR APPROVALS

Question: Do I plan to conduct a training course on lead paint services? OR

Question: Do I plan to train workers, supervisors, inspectors or risk assessors who provide lead paint abatement services?

Why do I need this approval?

Providers of training for persons involved in the abatement of lead paint must employ instructors and conduct training courses that are accredited by the Department. Training courses for workers, supervisors, inspectors and risk assessors who provide lead paint abatement services or are involved with lead paint abatement in Maryland are designed to instruct those individuals of the potential toxic effects of exposure to lead and to provide methods to protect workers and sensitive populations from exposure to lead during abatement activities. The primary hazard addressed in the training courses is exposure to lead from painted surfaces containing lead in the paint. This exposure may contribute to childhood hyperactivity, slowed growth, and damage to a child's brain or nervous system.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Environment Article - Title 6, Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.16.01.

What is the process to get this approval?

Lead paint instructor:

- 1) Successfully complete an accredited course in the category which you intend to teach.
- 2) Submit a completed application form for courses you are qualified to teach.
- 3) Submit documentation including on-site experience with relevant lead abatement projects.
- 4) Pass an examination administered by the Department with at least a 90%.

Lead paint training course:

- 1) Submit a completed application form for each training course to be accredited.
- 2) Include a curriculum detailing: learning objectives; course outline; time allocated for specific topics; description of learning activities, teaching materials, training facility; and plans for administering examination, issuing ID cards, and reporting to the Department.
- 3) Include the qualifications of course instructor and expert instructor. Also, include the name of the designated primary instructor and each accredited instructor.

- 4) Mail application package to:
Coordinator, Accreditation Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 630
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719
- 5) The Department will review the package and discuss any deficiencies
- 6) A successful on-site audit by the Department will be required.

Are there any other requirements?

Lead Paint Instructors are accredited by the Department after successfully completing specified training courses at least equivalent to the course which the applicant intends to teach, successfully passing an examination administered by the Department which covers essential technical and regulatory knowledge, and demonstrating relevant work experience in conducting lead paint abatement activities. An instructor for lead paint inspector technician courses must be an accredited inspector with a minimum of 6 months experience in lead paint inspection. Lead Paint Courses are accredited by the Department based on the submission of a satisfactory curriculum, the use of accredited instructors, and the completion of a successful on-site audit by the Department.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

90 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

1 year

How much will this application cost?

Training Provider - \$300

Who do I contact with additional questions?

Lead Accreditation and Oversight Division
(410) 537-3825