

1.08 ASBESTOS TRAINING PROVIDER APPROVAL

- *Question: Do I intend to be an asbestos training provider?*

Why do I need this approval?

The purpose of these approval procedures is to ensure that the persons requiring asbestos training receive training that meets certain standards. To become a Maryland Approved Training Provider, you must apply for approval of your course. The following types of initial and review courses may be approved: worker, supervisor, inspector, management planner, project designer, foreign language worker, and operations and maintenance.

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

FEDERAL: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (10/22/86) which contained several provisions, one of which is TITLE II of the Toxic Substances Act (TSCA) 15 U.S.C. sections 2641 through 2654. Section 206 of Title II, 15 U.S.C. section 2646 required the EPA to issue by April of 1987, a final model accreditation plan (MAP) for those persons who inspect for asbestos, develop management plans, and conduct or design response actions. States were required to develop their accreditation plan 180 days after their next legislative session (subsequent to April 30, 1987). The MAP was revised in February 1994 and extended provisions of the MAP to certain activities in public and commercial buildings. STATE: Environment Article §§6-401 and 6-417. COMAR 26.11.23: School Asbestos Accreditation and Approval of Training Courses published as final regulations 9/16/91. These were revised effective 8/24/98 to comply with the revised MAP. Operations and Maintenance (O&M) courses are covered under COMAR 26.11.21, Control of Asbestos.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) A completed application with the required fee is submitted. The Department acknowledges receipt of the application within 10 working days.
- 2) The application is reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The training provider is notified of any deficiencies.
- 3) The course approval will be issued within 90 days after the application is complete and applicable fees are paid.

Are there any other requirements?

INTERIM APPROVAL: A training provider must complete an application for each type of training course and pay the applicable fee for each type of course. The training provider must provide a copy of the course materials, instructors' resumes, a detailed course outline, and demonstrate that the training provider is able to provide training that meets the requirements of the regulations. When hands-on training is a requirement for a training course, the training provider must provide extensive detail on how this is to be accomplished.

FINAL APPROVAL: The course will be granted final approval after a successful on-site audit has been completed by the Department.

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

3 months

An application is not processed until the applicable fee has been paid. A complete and accurate application speeds up the process.

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

Must be renewed annually

How much will this approval cost?

The fees listed below are payable by company check, cashier's check, certified check, or money order to the Maryland Clean Air Fund. Public schools systems, Maryland School for the Deaf, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene schools, Department of Juvenile Justice schools, and Maryland Department of the Environment do not pay any fees. Fees are neither refundable nor pro-rated.

The fee is \$200 per day, or portion thereof, of approved training. For example a 5 day supervisor's course would cost \$1,000 for the annual application fee. There are no fees for the operation and maintenance applications.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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