

# Certification Requirements - Asbestos Worker

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Why is certification necessary?

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) certifies asbestos workers. This certification ensures that the individuals performing asbestos-related work are properly trained and qualified.

What are the training requirements?

For initial certification as an asbestos worker, you must complete an MDH approved asbestos worker initial training course. If you are currently certified in another state, you must take an MDH approved asbestos worker refresher training course.

What are the experience or qualification requirements and how do I document this?

In addition to training, applicants for asbestos worker certification must also submit proof of experience or qualification. One of the three following requirements must be completed and documented with a certified copy:

- 1. Work experience of at least 1000 hours in the general commercial construction trades.**

How to document this:

Your employer(s) or labor organization must complete and sign an *Experience Requirements for Asbestos Certification* form detailing your work experience in the general commercial construction trades. A separate form must be completed for each job for which you are claiming experience credit. The total experience detailed on the forms must be at least 1,000 hours. Or;

- 2. Completion of a vocational training program in a construction-related discipline of not less than 18 months.**

How to document this:

You must obtain a transcript from the vocational-technical institution you attended. Or;

- 3. Two years full-time attendance, or the part-time equivalent, in an apprenticeship program for general commercial construction trades which is either approved by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Voluntary Apprenticeship, or registered with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.**

How to document this:

You must obtain a document that verifies the completion of a general commercial construction trade apprenticeship. This is often called the "*Satisfaction of Apprenticeship*" certificate.

How do I get a certified copy of a document?

Make a good photocopy of the original document. Take the original and the photocopy to a notary public. Then ask the notary to compare the documents and verify that the photocopy is identical to the original document. If the notary is satisfied that the photocopy is identical to the original, the notary will add a certification statement to the photocopy, sign it and put his/her notary seal on the photocopy.



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Is there a fee for asbestos worker certification?

The application fee for asbestos worker certification is \$50 per year. A cashier's check, business check or money order for the fee must be submitted with the application. Personal checks are not accepted.

What do I need to submit to MDH for asbestos worker certification?

The following items must be submitted to MDH to complete your certification:

1. A completed and signed MDH *Asbestos Certification Application*.
2. A clear photograph of yourself.
3. A copy of your diploma from the MDH approved asbestos worker training course.
4. Copies of previous training diplomas if your initial and any refresher courses were taken elsewhere.
5. The \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
6. A certified copy of one of the three qualification requirements.

Be sure to allow 2-3 weeks for processing.

How long is my asbestos worker certification good for?

Your asbestos worker certification is good for one year from the date on the diploma of the most recently completed MDH approved asbestos worker training course that was submitted with your application.

How do I get more information?

For more information about asbestos, contact the Asbestos Program of the Minnesota Department of Health. You can call us at (651) 201-4610, visit our website at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh) or write us at the address on the front of this handout.