Asbestos and Lead Compliance Program: Refresher Training Waiver

Individuals with asbestos certifications and lead licenses that expire on or after March 16, 2020, will be granted an extension to complete the required Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved refresher course to become recertified or relicensed in Minnesota.

Individuals that have an expiration date after March 16, 2020 may conduct regulated work on expired asbestos certifications or lead licenses until further notice.

Upon termination of the current emergency declaration for COVID-19, ALL expired individuals are required to take the appropriate refresher class and submit a renewal application within thirty days of the termination of the emergency declaration before they are allowed to conduct regulated work. MDH will update you when this happens.

MDH encourages certified asbestos and lead licensed individuals to take on-line training from any EPA approved state program if you are extending past the standard grace period (one year for asbestos, two years for lead). This will satisfy the continuing education requirement.

MDH will allow individuals to attend in-house training if offered. Please contact course providers with questions regarding possible cancellations due to COVID-19. Asbestos certification or lead licensure training are still being provided by some MDH permitted training course providers. They have been in contact with MDH and have discussed their training environments. Instructors and applicants are encouraged to follow the recommended social distancing and small event guidelines on the Minnesota Department of Health’s (MDH) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpage when hosting classes in person.

The MDH Asbestos and Lead Compliance (ALC) Program is responding to calls and emails on a daily basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

For additional information, please visit the Asbestos home webpage or Lead home webpage.

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