

Asbestos Certification Renewal Modification

ASBESTOS AND LEAD COMPLIANCE UNIT

ATTENTION

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Asbestos and Lead Compliance Unit has been informed that individuals are not able to comply with annual renewal training for asbestos worker, asbestos site supervisor, asbestos inspector, asbestos management planner, and asbestos project designer because of delayed or cancelled training courses due to restrictions related to COVID-19. The renewal training allows individuals holding an asbestos credential to obtain the required training before their current credential expires.

[Emergency Executive Order 20-32](#) issued on April 8, 2020, allows the Commissioner of Health to temporarily delay, waive, or modify Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4620C, which governs requirements for individuals and companies that conduct asbestos-related work.

MDH supports efforts of certified individuals and licensed asbestos contractors to protect public health from asbestos exposure in homes, schools, and commercial settings during COVID-19-related restrictions. This is a fluid situation and this notice is subject to change.

Requirements for Implementation

Modification for delaying annual renewal training is effective, March 13, 2020.

If asbestos renewal training is delayed or cancelled due to circumstances related to COVID-19, the requirement for annual renewal training is waived under Minnesota Rules, 4620.3300, Subp. 5, item B, Subitem 3a; 4620.3310, Subp. 6, Item B, Subitem 3; 4620.3330, Subp. 6, Item B, Subitem 3; 4620.3340, Subp. 6, Item B, Subitem 3; and 4620.3350, Subp. 6, Item B, Subitem 3, and applies to individuals holding an asbestos credential.

Implementation for delaying renewal training includes:

1. The individual must submit an asbestos certification application with payment based on the required fee; leave the training-course information blank on page 3 of the application.
2. The individual must complete annual renewal training no later than 30 days after the termination of the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.
3. The individual must provide a copy of the training course diploma to MDH after successful completion of the annual renewal training.

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