



Individual Asbestos Certification – Acquiring Individual Certification

There are several individual asbestos certifications in Ohio. This fact sheet is provided as a general summary of the steps required to obtain applicable asbestos certification in the state of Ohio.

Ohio EPA's Asbestos Program

Ohio EPA's Asbestos Program licenses business entities and certifies personnel directly involved with the asbestos abatement industry. The asbestos program ensures the safety and quality of asbestos services by requiring persons to take approved training that is specific to the asbestos related activities in which they will be involved and by inspecting/auditing the activities of the program participants.

Any business or public entity that engages or intends to engage in an asbestos hazard abatement project (removal, renovation, enclosure, repair, or encapsulation of friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount greater than 50 linear feet or 50 square feet) must be licensed as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor. Any individual that engages or intends to engage in the activities of asbestos hazard abatement worker, asbestos hazard abatement specialist, asbestos hazard evaluation specialist, asbestos hazard abatement project designer, or asbestos hazard abatement air monitoring technician must have the appropriate asbestos certification.

What are the qualifications for individual asbestos certifications in Ohio?

To qualify for individual asbestos certifications, applicants shall meet the following criteria.

[Asbestos hazard abatement worker certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved four-day asbestos hazard abatement worker initial training course or a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$50 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

[Asbestos hazard abatement specialist certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$200 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

[Asbestos hazard evaluation specialist certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved three-day building inspector initial training course AND a U.S. EPA-approved two-day management planner initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$200 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

[Asbestos hazard abatement project designer certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved three-day asbestos hazard abatement project designer initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$200 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

[Asbestos hazard abatement air monitoring technician certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of an Ohio EPA-approved 15-hour asbestos hazard abatement air monitoring technician initial training course OR provide proof of successful completion of any U.S. EPA-approved asbestos course and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health course number 582 OR the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health course 582 equivalent course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$100 annual application fee. No refresher training is required for this certification.

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How to Obtain an Individual Asbestos Certification in Ohio

To obtain an individual asbestos certification, submit a completed asbestos certification application form. Please read the form carefully before completing it. A copy of the form is available at epa.ohio.gov/Portals/27/atu/asbestos/CertificationApplication.pdf.

An applicant may also utilize the online application system in lieu of completing the paper application form. An applicant may submit an application online through the Asbestos Services link on [Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center](#). Online individual certification instructions are available at epa.ohio.gov/Portals/27/atu/asbestos/AsbestosCertHelp.pdf.

What is needed to complete the application?

Whether submitting a paper asbestos certification application form or submitting the application online, a first-time applicant must submit four basic elements for successful processing of the application.

Initial Asbestos Certification Application Required Submittals

1. Completed application.
2. Proof of completion of the appropriate required training.
3. Current, color, original and clear passport type photo of the applicant.
4. Payment of the appropriate non-refundable application fee.

Refer to chapter 3745-22-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code for general application procedures.

Additional Tips for Completing an Application

If the applicant chooses to submit an online application, all documents should be saved in PDF format prior to beginning the application process. Photos should be saved in JPEG format. The applicant will be directed to upload the documents at the appropriate point in the application process.

The online application can be saved and closed at any point during the process and then completed at a later date. When the online application is complete, payment can be made using a credit card or e-check.

Requirements for Renewing an Existing Individual Asbestos Certification

Renewal applications for existing certifications may be submitted either by paper or online application. When renewing an existing certification, the required submittals include a completed application, the appropriate application fee, a current, color, original and clear passport type photograph of the applicant, and proof of the appropriate refresher training. Each individual asbestos certification expires one year after the date of issuance, unless it is revoked or suspended.

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