

EPA RRP Trainer Newsletter

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The content of this newsletter is for EPA administered jurisdictions only. This includes all but 14 states that operate their own RRP program. See "Authorized State" topic below for information.

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Opportunity to provide renovator refresher training entirely online

On February 10, 2016 EPA finalized [revisions](#) to the Lead-based Paint program. The final rule allows refresher training to be done without a hands-on component, which means it can be completed entirely online. Taking a renovator refresher course that does not include hands-on training will result in a 3- year renovator certification. Taking a refresher training course that includes hands-on training (regardless of whether the rest of the course is taken online or in a classroom) results in a 5-year renovator certification. Individuals who take the renovator refresher without hands-on training must, for their next refresher course, take a refresher course that includes hands-on training to maintain renovator certification. Renovators can find E-learning providers using our [online trainer search tool](#). Go to our [training provider page](#) for information about accreditation and to request a copy of the model E-learning curriculum.

Note: Should you decide to offer the renovator refresher training without hands-on please note that the notification requirements for this type of training were updated. [For more information](#).

EPA eliminates jurisdictions and their \$35 fee

EPA's [February 10, 2016 final rule](#) eliminated jurisdictions from EPA's LBP Activities program (i.e., inspections, risk assessments and abatement) and the

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\$35 fee paid by firms, individuals and trainers that provided these services in more than one EPA administered jurisdiction. Now that jurisdictions have been removed, firms, individuals and training providers will receive one certificate that will allow them to work in all EPA-administered areas instead of one certificate per jurisdiction. Certificates issued before the final rule are still valid until their expiration and won't need to be replaced because of this rule. In addition, a previous certification in a single EPA-administered jurisdiction now allows firms, individuals and training providers to perform lead-based paint activities in all EPA-administered areas until the expiration of that certification.

Inspection Manual

EPA has finalized the [Inspection Manual for the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting \(RRP\) Rule](#). The RRP Inspection Manual establishes uniform guidance for EPA-credentialed inspectors who conduct inspections to monitor compliance with the RRP Rule. Compliance monitoring activities for the RRP Rule include work site inspections, records reviews of renovation firms, and auditing training provider courses that certify renovators.

Application process going green

EPA no longer offers the option of submitting lead program applications by mail. This applies to all [individual](#), [firm](#) and [trainer](#) applications required by EPA's lead renovation and abatement programs. All applications, payments, updates and certificate replacement requests are done online using the Agency's Central Data Exchange (CDX) system.

Acceptable methods for payments online include credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

Make sure you see important emails from EPA

Much of the correspondence sent by EPA (including final approval packages) are delivered by E-mail from lead.paint@epa.gov. To help ensure the timely receipt of E-mail correspondence, we recommend you add the lead.paint@epa.gov email address to your contacts to ensure it arrives in your inbox rather than a SPAM folder.

New E-Enterprise site with useful lead program information

This new E-Enterprise site allows firms to check the status of their certification application, download a copy of a recently issued certificate or retrieve their customized lead program logo. To access the site, a firm should go to [EPA's E-Enterprise portal](#), login in with their CDX user name and password, then go to the "progress tracker" section. There they're able to see the status of their application and, if complete, download their certificate and customized program logo. The certificate and logo are available through the site for 6 months following issuance, after that they'll need to [submit a certificate replacement request](#). Please let your students know about this useful site.

Renovator training expiration extended

EPA [extended the training expiration date](#) for many individual certified renovators. To determine when a

renovator's training expires [refer to this table](#).

Expiration dates are based on when the previous course was taken. Renovators must take the refresher training before their training expiration in order to have valid certification.

EPA will not be issuing new course completion certificates or other documentation to renovators saying their expiration was extended. If an employer or customer has questions about the extension the renovator can print out [this guidance](#) and show it to them, or have them call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-5323.

Note: The extensions do not apply to firm certifications.

Training course completion certificate

The training course completion certificate a renovator receives upon successful completion of an accredited renovator class serves as their individual certification. This document is very important because it's needed to qualify for the refresher training, and a renovator must have a copy onsite at every renovation project they are assigned. A copy of the original is all that's needed for these requirements, so remind renovators to take several copies and keep the original in a secure place. If they can't locate a copy of their certificate, they'll need to contact the trainer they took the course from and request a copy.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

EPA maintains a list online of [Frequent Questions](#) regarding the Agency's Lead Program. It is regularly updated to ensure that you have access to the very latest information. When questions come up we recommend you first review the Frequent Questions, then if you cannot find the answer you're looking for call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

Here's an example from the FQ database. Can the required records and documentation be stored electronically rather than as paper copies? The answer is "yes, the records can be stored electronically". Take a look at [FQ 23002-32220](#) for more details!

Authorized states

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs. Renovators and firms that only work within an authorized state(s) must be certified by each authorized state in which they do work, and would not be required to be certified by EPA. The authorized states are [AL](#), [DE](#), [GA](#), [IA](#), [KS](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [NC](#), [OK](#), [OR](#), [RI](#), [UT](#), [WA](#) and [WI](#).

If an individual renovator is certified by an authorized state they are also qualified to work in EPA administered states, with no additional training. EPA certified renovators wishing to work in an authorized state should contact the state to determine if additional training/certification is necessary.



Regardless of whether a firm is certified by an authorized state, if they do work in an EPA administered state they must be certified by EPA.