

CAUTION

LEAD WORK AREA

**Doing Lead
Abatement
Work in
Michigan?**

**You Must Be
Certified.**

**Your Guide to
Certification**

The Michigan Lead Abatement Act of 1998 requires anyone performing lead-based paint abatement activities to be certified by the Healthy Homes Section (HHS) of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Lead-based paint abatement activities include identifying or removing lead-based paint in residential homes, child day care facilities, and schools for children under six years old.

**To become certified to do lead abatement,
you need to...**

- Choose the lead professional that you want to be: **Inspector, Risk Assessor, Supervisor, Worker, or Project Designer** (see pages 7 - 9 for descriptions);
- Ensure that you meet the **education and experience requirements**;
- Attend and pass the corresponding **training class** (see Lead Training Course Schedule on the website: www.michigan.gov/leadsafe > **Lead Professionals** > **Lead Training Course Schedule**). You are responsible for paying training costs.



Mail **completed application**, copy of training certificate, proof of education and/or work experience, and fee payment. Please address mail to:

MDCH - Accounting Division
PO Box 30437
Lansing, MI 48909

- Pass a **state test** within 6 months of completing your lead training class. Your test date will be set up by the Program after receiving your application. You will have up to 3 opportunities to pass within the 6 months, and;
- Carry your photo **ID card** when you perform lead work.
- Perform all work in accordance with **State laws and regulations**. A compliance assistance program is available to all certified individuals. You may call 517-335-9390 to set up an appointment for someone to come and evaluate your abatement worksite set-up or your work practices.



To become a Certified Lead Abatement Contractor, you need to....

Abatement Supervisors and Workers must be employed by a Certified Lead Abatement Contractor in order to do lead abatement work in Michigan. To become a Certified Abatement Contractor:

■ Download the **Contractor Certification application** from the MDCH website at: www.michigan.gov/leadsafe > Lead Professionals > Forms, or request one from the HHS.

■ Mail **completed application** listing all lead-certified employees (at least one Abatement Supervisor is required), provide a copy of Michigan Workers' Compensation insurance (if you have employees), and fee payment. Please mail to:

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Training Classes

The training classes are taught by private training companies that are approved by MDCH. The total training days for each of the certified disciplines are:

- Abatement Worker—3 days
- Abatement Supervisor—4 days
- Project Designer—1 day (the Supervisor course is a prerequisite).
- Inspector—3 days
- Risk Assessor—2 days (the Inspector course is a prerequisite)

Training costs vary by trainer, but prices range from \$100 to \$150 per day.

Training providers are located throughout the State. They are required to notify the Healthy Homes Section seven days before providing a class. A complete list of current classes is available on State of Michigan website at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe > **Lead Professionals > Lead Training Course Schedule**. Courses and trainer contact information are available there. The list changes frequently as new classes are added. A list of all training providers is available at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe > **Lead Professionals > Accredited Lead Training Providers**. Training providers may also be contacted directly for class availability. The prospective student must contact the training provider to register to attend a class.

The Certification Cycle

For certified individuals you will receive a certification card that is valid until March 31st of each year. An annual fee is due by March 31 for the following 12 months. You will receive a letter and renewal application from the Department each year as a reminder. After fees are paid, you will receive a new card. Every 3 years, you must take a one-day refresher course and re-take the state exam. You are required to register directly with our section to take this exam.

For abatement contractors the certification is valid until December 31st of each year. You will receive a letter and renewal application from the Department each year as a reminder. After fees are paid you will receive a new certificate.



Lead Certification	Abilities After Being Certified	Education and Experience Requirements	First Year Fee		Annual Fee
			Mar to Aug	Sept to Feb	
Abatement Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can perform lead abatement work only with the oversight of an Abatement Supervisor 	None	\$125	\$115	\$25
Abatement Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can act as the responsible person for a lead abatement project, provided his company is certified as a Lead Abatement Contractor Company ■ Can also perform lead abatement activities at the job site 	Must have 1 year as a certified Abatement Worker or 2 years of experience in a related field. There is no education requirement; however, the work requires high school math and language skills.	\$150	\$125	\$50

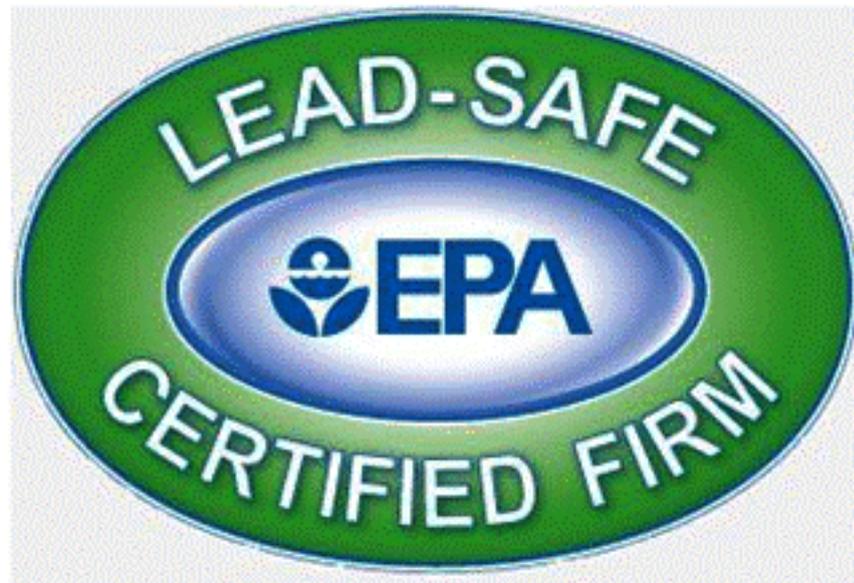
Lead Professional	Abilities After Being Certified	Education and Experience Requirements	First Year Fee		Annual Fee
			Mar to Aug	Sept to Feb	
Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can perform Lead Inspections, which identify if lead-based paint is present and where ■ Can also perform clearance testing to determine if a unit is lead-safe and able to be reoccupied after abatement activities ■ Uses an X-Ray Fluorescence analyzer (\$15,000 - \$25,000) to test for lead or sends paint samples to a lab 	Must have high school Diploma or equivalent	\$250	\$175	\$150

Risk Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can perform Lead Inspections ■ Can perform Risk Assessments, which identify lead hazards from paint, dust and soil, and give options for fixing those hazards ■ Can also perform clearance testing on abatement projects 	Must pass the Inspector class and have 1 of the following: Bachelor's degree and 1 year of related experience; or Associate's degree and 2 years of related experience; or high school diploma/ equivalent and 3 years of related experience; or a registration as an industrial hygienist, engineer, architect, sanitarian or nurse.	\$425	\$325	\$300
Project Designer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can plan and design large and small lead abatement projects 	Must pass the Abatement Supervisor class and have 1 of the following: Bachelor's degree in engineering, architecture or related field, or 2 years of experience in a related field.	\$175	\$100	\$150

The Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program Rule

The Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program Rule is Federal law enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2008 and went into full effect in April 2010. It requires anyone disturbing paint on a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility, and receiving compensation (money, rent reduction, barter, etc.), to receive training and have their company certified by the EPA. This law applies to anyone disturbing more than 6 square feet per interior room or 20 square feet on the exterior and includes, but is not limited to, carpenters, painters, plumbers, roofers, electricians, floor covering installers, and HVAC installers.

Being lead abatement certified does not eliminate the need to for RRP training and firm certification. They are separate laws with separate sets of requirements. For more information regarding EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule please go to www.epa.gov/lead and click on the link for Renovation, Repair and Painting.



Lead Resources and Contact Information

US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Region 5
Waste, Pesticides, and Toxics Division
77 W. Jackson Blvd DT-8
312-886-7836
www.epa.gov/lead

HUD — Local Office
McNamara Federal Building
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
313-226-7900
www.hud.gov/lead

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
735 E. Michigan Ave
P.O. Box 30044
Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-8370
www.michigan.gov/mshda

Michigan Department of Community Health
Healthy Homes Section
P.O. Box 30195
Lansing, MI 48909
517-335-9390 - phone
517-335-8800 - fax
866-691-LEAD (5323) - toll free
www.michigan.gov/leadsafe

Dept. of Licensing and Regulator Affairs (LARA) - MIOSHA
P.O. Box 30004
Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-1820
www.mi.gov/miosha

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Healthy Homes Section**

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For application forms, Michigan lead laws,
lead work practices, and educational
materials, visit our website at:

www.michigan.gov/leadsafe

For a link to the current training course schedule go to:
www.michigan.gov/leadsafe > **Lead Professionals** > **Lead
Training Course Schedule**. New classes are regularly
added so if there is no class in your area check back
frequently.

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