Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Lead Risk Assessor Certification

A certified lead risk assessor identifies lead-based paint hazards using an XRF (X-Ray Fluorescence) device to test deteriorated paint, and by collecting dust, soil, and sometimes water samples.

How to get certified

- ○ Meet the certification requirements:
  - ✓ Must be certified as a lead inspector; **AND**
  - ✓ Possess a bachelor's degree and have not less than one year experience in a related field (ex. lead, asbestos, environmental remediation, building construction, or building trade); **OR** possess an associate's degree and have not less than two years' experience in related field; **OR** possess a high school diploma or equivalent and have not less than three years' experience in related field; **OR** be certified or registered as an industrial hygienist, safety professional, professional engineer, nurse, sanitarian, architect, or another related field. Refer to Lead Hazard Control Rules R325.99302(4)(c).*
- ○ Pass a two-day lead risk assessor training course
- ○ Apply for state certification
- ○ Pass the state exam

Other information you should know

- ○ *Related occupations or certifications recognized by the Department:
  - ✓ Carpenter; plumber; electrician; drywaller; painter; siding installer; window installer; mason; water/fire restoration services; mold remediation; full-time building maintenance; full-time construction work; **OR** certified as an inspector in a construction or environmental field such as an asbestos inspector or management planner; mold inspector/investigator; water/fire damage inspector/investigator; insurance claims adjuster for house damage; or building inspectors with experience verified by the Department; **OR** other occupations may be proposed for certification but are not guaranteed to qualify an applicant.
- ○ Certification must be renewed each year by paying a renewal fee and submitting a renewal application by March 31. Once certified, you must take a refresher course and the state exam every three years to retain certification status.
- ○ An XRF device is an expensive, but necessary, piece of equipment for lead-based paint risk assessments. Research should be done and considered before taking the lead risk assessor training.
- ○ Contact the Healthy Homes Section Certification Team at 1-866-691-5323 or by email at HHSInfo@michigan.gov.

Authority: P.A. 368 of 1978, as amended