

## Asbestos Awareness Training must be provided annually

This brochure is provided as a general summary of the steps required to become accredited as an asbestos abatement worker, contractor/supervisor, inspector, management planner, or project designer in the state of Michigan.

### The MIOSHA Asbestos Program

The Asbestos Program was initiated in September 1986. It is a section within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Construction Safety and Health Division (CSHD). The primary function of the program is to ensure that people working with asbestos are properly trained and that individuals performing asbestos abatement comply with rules governing the work activity. These rules are designed to protect not only the individual employee performing asbestos abatement work, but also members of the general public who occupy the area or building in which the work occurs.

### Individuals Required to Become Accredited

The state of Michigan has training and accreditation requirements for individuals working with friable asbestos. Friable asbestos material means any material that contains more than 1% asbestos by weight that can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder when dry, by hand pressure.

Asbestos removal, encapsulation, and enclosure operations must be performed carefully. Poorly performed asbestos abatement work can cause a greater exposure problem than it eliminates. Workers who do not remove asbestos material properly, or damage the material during maintenance or construction work activities, can cause a release of asbestos fibers. If fiber release is not properly contained in the work area, workers will be exposed and widespread contamination of the building can occur.

After obtaining and passing the appropriate training course, the Michigan Public Act 440 of 1988, as amended, requires a person to receive a certificate of accreditation from the MIOSHA Asbestos Program before engaging in any of the following work:

1. Conduct or supervise friable asbestos removal or encapsulation for a licensed asbestos abatement contractor.
2. Conduct or supervise in-house Class I work as defined by 29 CFR 1926.1101(b).
3. Inspect for asbestos-containing material in a school building; or public or commercial buildings.
4. Prepare an asbestos management plan for a school building.
5. Develop asbestos abatement project designs.

### Training Requirements

Individuals requesting accreditation in the state of Michigan must first take either a Michigan or EPA-approved training course. Training courses are provided by private companies in the state of Michigan. A list of training course providers can be obtained from our office or from the MIOSHA Asbestos Program web site. You may also contact individual trainers for their course schedule and the associated cost of the courses.

### Applying for Accreditation

Once the appropriate training course has been completed, an individual must apply for accreditation to the MIOSHA Asbestos Program. A complete application must include the following:

1. A complete training history for an initial application or the current refresher training certificate for a renewal application.
2. A thoroughly complete accreditation application.
3. A check, money order, or cashier's check for the appropriate fee made payable to: "State of Michigan."



4. An original color photo (no beards; goatees; lip, nose, or facial piercing; or anything else that may come between the face piece and the face seal of a respirator; no dark glasses; head coverings, hats, caps, etc.) **and** a copy of additional photo identification (i.e., driver's license). Photo (.jpg) can be emailed to [asbestos@michigan.gov](mailto:asbestos@michigan.gov).

The fee schedule for accreditation or reaccreditation is as follows:

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
Abatement Worker	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Contractor/Supervisor	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Inspector	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00
Management Planner	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00
Project Designer	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00

Please note the renewal due date is 30 days before the certificate of accreditation (accreditation card) expires. The renewal application must be postmarked by this date or the fee reverts to the initial accreditation fee. This ensures that individuals working in the asbestos industry maintain current accreditation.

### Experience Requirements

For individuals seeking accreditation as an Inspector, Management Planner, or Project Designer, a résumé must be submitted with the application. The résumé must include the percentages of time spent performing work in the respective discipline:

#### 1. Inspector

- a. One year of experience in asbestos-related work or general building inspections related to environmental and health concerns; or
- b. At least five years of supervisory experience in general building operations and maintenance.

#### 2. Management Planner and Project Designer

- a. No less than two years of experience in asbestos-related work; or
- b. At least five years of experience in school building operations and maintenance.

# Asbestos Accreditation

## Acquiring a Certificate

“Year of experience in asbestos-related work” is defined by MIOSHA Asbestos Program to mean a year of work in which at least 25% of the individual’s working time was spent on asbestos-related work, or an equivalent amount of work over more than one year’s time if it was conducted after January 1, 1983.

### An Initial Application MUST Contain

- The completed Accreditation Application Form.
- The appropriate fee.
- A complete training history including the initial and ALL subsequent refresher training certificates.
- A résumé for Inspectors, Management Planners, and Project Designers.
- An original color photo (no beards; goatees; lip, nose, or facial piercing; or anything else that may come between the face piece and the face seal of a respirator; no dark glasses; head coverings, hats, caps, etc.) **and** a copy of additional photo identification (i.e., driver’s license). Photo (.jpg) can be emailed to [asbestos@michigan.gov](mailto:asbestos@michigan.gov).

### A Renewal Application MUST Contain

- The complete Accreditation Application Form.
- The appropriate fee.
- The current refresher training certificate.
- An original color photo (no beards; goatees; lip, nose, or facial piercing; or anything else that may come between the face piece and the face seal of a respirator; no dark glasses; head coverings, hats, caps, etc.) **and** a copy of additional photo identification (i.e., driver’s license). Photo (.jpg) can be emailed to [asbestos@michigan.gov](mailto:asbestos@michigan.gov).

*A renewal application MUST be postmarked 30 days prior to the expiration date of the current accreditation card or it will be treated as an initial application which requires the initial fee.*

*Renew an accreditation application on-line at [www.michigan.gov/asbestospayments](http://www.michigan.gov/asbestospayments) then enter ONLY the Accreditation Number for best search results. Only Visa, Mastercard, and Discover credit/debit cards are accepted. Email appropriate training certificate(s) (.pdf) and photo (.jpg) to [asbestos@michigan.gov](mailto:asbestos@michigan.gov).*

### Lost Card Replacement

Lost cards may be replaced by submitting:

- A letter designating which card must be replaced, including an explanation, a social security number, current address, and legal signature.
- A \$25.00 replacement card fee in the form of a check, money order, or cashier’s check made payable to: “State of Michigan.”
- If an applicant is seeking a second or subsequent replacement card, the applicant must come into the office for a replacement.

The MIOSHA Asbestos Program performs the following services:

- Approves asbestos-related training courses.
- Licenses asbestos abatement contractors.
- Accredits professionals in the asbestos abatement industry.
- Maintains databases of approved trainers, licensed contractors, accredited individuals, and asbestos projects.
- Investigates asbestos-related compliance issues.
- Reviews AHERA management plans.

### For additional information, please contact us at:

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