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Renovator certification expiration date

Renovator certification is typically for 5 years from the date of course completion. However, in 2009, EPA extended the 5-year certification of renovators who took an EPA accredited renovator training before April 22, 2010 until July 1, 2015. The extension ensured that renovators who received training early, before the regulations work practice standards were effective, weren't penalized for doing so.

Renovators seeking re-certification who complete a 4-hour refresher training before the expiration of their current certification are certified for a period of five years from the date they complete the refresher course, not from the date of expiration of their previous certification. Renovators will have to take the 8-hour course if they fail to take the refresher training before the expiration of their current certificate.

Eligibility for refresher training

A certified renovator or dust sampling technician is eligible to take the refresher course if the course is completed before their previous certification expires. The trainer must collect a copy of each student's prior course completion certificate demonstrating their eligibility to take the refresher course. The trainer must retain these training certificates for a period of 5 years.

Re-accreditation reminder

Just a reminder that training provider accreditations expire every four years. Be aware of your expiration date and submit your [re-accreditation application](#) at least 180 days before the expiration. This

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will help ensure your re-accreditation is complete before your current accreditation expires. Should your accreditation expire before EPA receives your application, you'll no longer be able to conduct training and will be required to submit an initial application including the higher application fee.

Note: As of October 1, 2014, 222 trainers have already applied to renew their RRP accreditation.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

EPA maintains an online database 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 go to the FQ Database, 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. Does the RRP rule require people working on a renovation to wear respirators, disposable suits or other personal protective equipment (PPE)? The answer is “no”, surprised? Take a look at [FQ 23002-15698](#) for more details!

Amending your application

If your application information changes, you must submit an amendment within 90 days. Most changes are effective upon submission, except:

- 1) If you add a training manager or principal instructor they must wait up until the amendment is approved or 30 days have passed before providing training. However, if they were previously approved under another accreditation, they may provide training on an interim basis until approved.
- 2) If you add a permanent training location you may use the new location on an interim basis until the amendment is approved or 30

days have passed.

To amend an accreditation, a training program must submit a completed [application](#) signed by the training manager, noting on the form that it is an amendment and indicating the information that has changed.

Firm certification

Re-certification. Firm certifications expire every five years. Firms should submit their re-certification application at least 90 days before their expiration. This will help ensure their re-certification is complete before they expire. A firm can find their certification number on their certificate, by [looking it up online](#), or by contacting our hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323). When applying for re-certification, firms should select “re-certification” on the application. This way their new certification will begin when their old one expires, rather than when the application processing was complete, so they’re not penalized for applying early. [Click here](#) for information about applying for re-certification.

Firms can apply online. Did you know that firms applying for EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification or re-certification can apply online? The process is simple, and the firm will receive its certification more quickly than if they submit a paper application. Firms are able to complete both the application and payment online. Follow [this link](#) to apply online.

Renovators certified but not their firms. Some renovation firms have trained employees but don’t realize the firm must be certified. Please help us and your students by emphasizing that training is only one step of the certification process, and that the firms they work for must also be certified. [Click here](#) for information about firm certification.