



Newsletter for RRP Contractors

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Renovator training expiration extended

EPA has [extended the training expiration date](#) for many certified renovators. This was done so if the [proposed changes of January 2015](#) are finalized, many more renovators will be able to take advantage of those changes. Affected expiration dates are based on when the previous course was taken (see table below).

Note: The extensions do not apply to firm certifications.

Renovator Training Expiration Information	
Date course completed	Expiration
On or before March 31, 2010	March 31, 2016
From April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011	6 years from the date of course completion
On or after April 1, 2011	5 years from the date of course completion

Enforcement (fraudulent training)

EPA has received reports of RRP trainings being offered by businesses that are not accredited by EPA

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to provide RRP training. Such training does not satisfy EPA requirements. If you are aware of RRP training that is being offered by a business that is not on the [list of EPA accredited training providers](#), please alert the FBI. Incidents should be reported thru the [FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).

Use EPA's "Look for the Logo" campaign to promote your business!

As you know, EPA's RRP requires firms working in older homes and child care facilities to be certified, train their employees, and follow lead-safe work practices. To ensure that your potential customers hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm, help spread the word by using EPA's outreach materials to remind everyone to "Look for the Logo"! For more information or to download the materials for free, [click here](#).

Help us encourage your potential customers to "Look for the Logo". Feel free to place the widget on your webpage and highlight the print ad in an upcoming customer newsletter or email.

Firm certification

Firm certifications expire after five years. This means that firm certifications have already begun to expire – please check your expiration date. Firms are encouraged to apply early, at least 90 days before their expiration, to ensure their application is processed before they expire. You won't be penalized for applying early, just be sure to select "re-certification" and your new 5-year certification

won't begin until your current certification expires. [Click here](#) for information about applying for re-certification.

Renovator certification

If a renovator doesn't take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration of their current certification, they'll need to retake the 8-hour initial course to be certified again. Renovators must submit a copy of their current training course completion to the trainer to be eligible to take the refresher course. Renovators can use the [EPA training search tool](#) to find trainers and classes in their area. When looking for training, first look for a course that is convenient, and if none are available then contact trainers near you about upcoming course offerings.

Note: EPA recently [extended the training expiration](#) for many renovators. See the first article of this newsletter for more information.

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 you'll need it to qualify for the refresher training, and you must have a copy onsite at every renovation project you are assigned. A copy of the original is all that's needed for these requirements, so take several copies and keep the original in a secure place. If you can't locate a copy of your

certificate, you'll need to contact the trainer and request a copy.

Amending your application

A firm must [amend their certification](#) within 90 days of the date a change occurs to information included in their most recent application. If the firm fails to amend their certification within that period, the firm may not perform renovations or dust sampling until their certification is amended

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. Do the cleaning, cleaning verification, and recordkeeping requirements of the RRP rule still apply for an "emergency renovation"? The answer is "yes", surprised? Take a look at [FQ 23002-32367](#) for more details!