



Newsletter for RRP Contractors

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The content of this newsletter is for EPA administered jurisdictions only. This includes all but 14 states that operate their own RRP program. See "Authorized State" topic below for information.

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Enforcement

On October 27, 2015 EPA announced 75 enforcement actions from the past year that require renovation contractors and training providers to protect people from harmful exposure to lead dust and debris, as required by EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) regulations. [Read the press release](#). Be sure to stay current with certification and training requirements and to work lead-safe!

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.

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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	No extension provided - Expiration is 5 years from the date of course completion

Firm application, update, certificate replacement

All firm applications (certification and recertification), payments, updates and certificate replacement requests are done [online](#). Acceptable methods for payments online include credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

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.

Note: It has come to our attention that some renovation firms have trained employees but the firm itself is not certified. While student training is an important aspect of the regulation, all businesses providing regulated renovation activities must be certified (even sole proprietorships). Firm certification involves the submission of an application and fee to EPA. We have reached out to our

training providers and asked for their help emphasizing this in their course deliveries.

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

Authorized states

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs. Renovators and firms that only work within an authorized state(s) must be certified by each authorized state in which they do work, and would not be required to be certified by EPA. The authorized states are [AL](#), [DE](#), [GA](#), [IA](#), [KS](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [NC](#), [OK](#), [OR](#), [RI](#), [UT](#), [WA](#) and [WI](#).

If an individual renovator is certified by an authorized state they are also qualified to work in EPA administered states, with no additional training. EPA certified renovators wishing to work in an authorized state should contact the state to determine if additional training/certification is necessary. Regardless of whether a firm is certified by an authorized state, if they do work in an EPA administered

state they must be certified by EPA. [Click here](#) to see the FQ's related to this topic.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

EPA maintains a list online 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 review the Frequent Questions, 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. I own a sole proprietorship, and I plan to get trained and certified as a certified renovator. Will that be sufficient since I have no employees? The answer is "no, you must get certified as a renovation firm as well". Take a look at [FQ 23002-18123](#) for more details!