



Asbestos Hazard Abatement Contractor – Acquiring an Abatement Contractor License

This fact sheet is provided as a general summary of the steps required to obtain an asbestos abatement contractor license in the state of Ohio.

Ohio EPA's Asbestos Program

Ohio EPA's Asbestos Program licenses business entities and certifies personnel directly involved with the asbestos abatement industry. The asbestos program ensures the safety and quality of asbestos services by requiring persons to take approved training that is specific to the asbestos related activities in which they will be involved and by inspecting/auditing the activities of the program participants.

Any business or public entity that engages or intends to engage in an asbestos hazard abatement project (removal, renovation, enclosure, repair, or encapsulation of friable asbestos-containing materials in an amount greater than 50 linear feet or 50 square feet) must be licensed as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor.

What are the qualifications for licensed asbestos hazard abatement contractors in Ohio?

To qualify for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor license, a business entity or public entity shall meet the following criteria.

- 1) Ensure that all employees who come in contact with asbestos or who will be responsible for an asbestos hazard abatement project are certified as either asbestos hazard abatement specialists or asbestos hazard abatement workers.

[Asbestos hazard abatement specialist certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$200 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

[Asbestos hazard abatement worker certification](#)

This certification requires successful completion of a U.S. EPA-approved four-day asbestos hazard abatement worker initial training course or a U.S. EPA-approved five-day asbestos contractor/supervisor initial training course, submission of a completed asbestos certification application form and a \$50 annual application fee. Proof of the one-day refresher training is required when applicable.

- 2) Employ at least one Ohio EPA-certified asbestos hazard abatement specialist for each abatement project to provide on-site supervision at all times. (see above for asbestos hazard abatement specialist certification information).
- 3) Maintain a worker protection program consistent with the OSHA Asbestos in Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.1101) for business entities or U.S. EPA Worker Protection Rule (40 CFR Part 763 Subpart G) for public entities.
- 4) Be registered with the Secretary of the State as doing business in Ohio. For more information on the registration process visit sos.state.oh.us.
- 5) Has access to at least one asbestos disposal site approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency that is sufficient for the deposit of all asbestos waste that will be generated during the term of the license.
- 6) Is sufficiently qualified to remove asbestos safely as demonstrated by the contractor's reliability, work practices, and evidence that the workers and on-site project supervisor, and prior successful experience in asbestos hazard abatement projects, or by equivalent qualifications as determined by the director.

How to Obtain an Asbestos Hazard Abatement Contractor License in Ohio

To become a licensed asbestos hazard abatement contractor, submit a completed asbestos contractor licensure application form. Please read the form carefully before completing it. A copy of the form is available at epa.ohio.gov/Portals/27/atu/asbestos/ContractorLicense.pdf.

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An applicant may also utilize the online application system in lieu of completing the paper application form. An applicant may submit an application online through Ohio EPA’s eBusiness Center. Online contractor licensing instructions are available at epa.ohio.gov/Portals/27/atu/asbestos/AsbestosLicHelp.pdf.

What is needed to complete the application?

Whether submitting a paper asbestos contractor licensure application form or submitting the application online, a first-time applicant must submit seven basic elements for successful processing of the application.

Initial Contractor License Application Required Submittals

1. Completed application.
2. Copy of applicant’s detailed written overall asbestos abatement work practices.
3. Copy of applicant’s written medical surveillance program.
4. Copy of applicant’s written respiratory protection program.
5. Proof of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State as a business entity.
6. Payment of application fee of \$750.
7. Asbestos hazard abatement specialist certification number for at least one employee of the applicant.

Refer to chapter 3745-22-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code for details of contractor licensure.

Additional Tips for Completing an Application

If the applicant chooses to submit an online application, all submittals should be saved as PDF-format documents prior to beginning the application process. The applicant will be directed to upload the documents at the appropriate point in the application process.

The online application can be saved and closed at any point during the process and then completed at a later date. When the online application is complete, payment can be made using a credit card or e-check.

Requirements for Renewing an Existing Contractor License

Renewal applications for existing contractor licenses may be submitted either by paper or online application. When renewing an existing contractor license the required submittals include the \$750 application fee, proof of at least one employee as an Ohio EPA-certified asbestos hazard abatement specialist, and a list of projects completed within the last 12 months including client names, addresses, contact names, phone numbers, project completion dates, types and quantities of asbestos-containing materials removed. Each contractor license expires one year after the date of issuance, unless it is revoked or suspended.

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