



# Newsletter for RRP Contractors

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## Re-certification reminder

**FIRMS.** Just a reminder that renovation firm certifications expire every five years. Be aware of your expiration date and submit your re-certification application at least 90 days before the expiration. This will help ensure your re-certification is complete before your current certification expires. If you're not sure when your firm's certification expires you can look it up online with our [firm search tool](#). There is no penalty for applying for re-certification early. Your certification will be extended 5 years from the date of the current expiration regardless of how early you apply. [Click here](#) for information about applying for re-certification.

**RENOVATORS.** Remember that renovator certifications also expire every five years. Once the re-certification course is completed the renovator will be certified for five years from the date of course completion. Don't delay, if you don't take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration you'll have to retake the 8-hour initial course to be certified again. Renovators can use the EPA [training search tool](#), find trainers and upcoming RRP classes scheduled in their area. When looking for training, we recommend looking first for a course that is convenient for you, and if none are available then look for trainers near you to contact about upcoming course deliveries in your area.

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## Firms can apply online

Did you know that firms applying for EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification or recertification can apply online? The process is simple, and processing times are greatly reduced compared to paper applications. Firms are able to complete both the application and payment online. Follow this link to [apply online](#).

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## Contact Us

<http://www.epa.gov/lead>

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### **Frequent question database (FQ database)**

EPA maintains an online database of [Frequent Questions](#) regarding the Agency's Lead Program. It is constantly being 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. You know you can always assume lead is present and follow lead safe work practices, but if you choose to test and the work involves a staircase how many samples are needed? Did you guess five? Take a look at [FQ 23002-33377](#) for more details!

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### **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.

You can [amend your certification online](#). If you're using the system for the first time, you'll be required to complete a brief registration process prior to amending your certification application. You can also submit your amendment by mail. Download the application and follow the instructions to [apply by mail](#).

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

As you know, EPA's Renovation Rule 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 new 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 everyone 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.