

EPA RRP Trainer Newsletter

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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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EPA releases an approach for continued reduction of lead exposure

[This document](#) provides a science-based public health approach and a coordinated strategy for continuing our progress to reduce lead exposures and protect public health. This approach outlines a common set of public health principles that will guide the Agency's work to eliminate the adverse effects from lead exposure.

HUD announces revised standards for their grantees

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) issued guidance on February 17, 2017 setting new dust lead action levels and clearance levels for recipients of their Lead Hazard Control (LHC) grants. The guidance sets action levels of 10 ug/ft² for floors and 100 ug/ft² for windows sills. The same levels will serve as clearance levels on these surfaces. In addition, the guidance sets clearance levels of 100 ug/ft² for window troughs and 40 ug/ft² for porch floors. These levels are effective April 1, 2017. [For more information.](#)

Enforcement

On November 3, 2016 EPA announced more than 100 federal enforcement actions completed over the last year that require entities like renovation contractors, landlords and property managers to protect communities and public health from exposure to lead. [Read the press release.](#) Be

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sure to stay current with certification and training requirements and to work lead-safe!

New CDX trainer dashboard

The CDX system has a new Training Provider Dashboard. The dashboard allows trainers to manage their accreditation(s), submit training notifications, add or remove instructors/managers/facilities, request replacement certificates and update their information from one convenient location. The dashboard is accessible from your MyCDX homepage by clicking the "New! Training Provider Dashboard" link.

A to-do list function is being added in the near future that provides reminders of upcoming accreditation expirations and required course notification submissions.

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. Prior to course delivery, the trainer must collect a copy of each student's previous course completion certificate to confirm their certification has not yet expired and that they are eligible to take the refresher course. The trainer must retain a copy each students training certificate for a period of 5 years.

Renovator refresher training options

A renovator must take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration of their current training, or 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 demonstrate their eligibility to take the refresher course.

Renovator refresher training can be done with or without a hands-on component. The version without hands-on training can be done entirely online! Renovators can use EPA's [trainer search tool](#) to find trainers offering both in person and online training.

	Lecture	Hands-on	Course test	Certification period
With hands-on training	In person	In person	In person	5 years
	Online	In person	In person	5 years
No hands-on training	Online	N/A	Online	3 years***

*** If a renovator chooses to recertify via an online course that does not include hands-on training (3 year certification), the renovator must select an option with hands-on training (5 year certification) for their next recertification. The 3 year recertification option (i.e., no hands-on training) cannot be selected for back-to-back trainings.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

As you know, 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. An accredited training provider asks, "can a final course assessment be administered in an 'open book' format"? Did you answer "no"?

Take a look at [FQ 23002- 35003](#) for more details!

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](#).

An individual that completes a renovator course accredited by an authorized state is also qualified to work in EPA administered states for a period of 5 years following course completion, 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.