
COMMON QUESTIONS

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP)

Health Hazards Control Unit
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

GENERAL

1. Q. Where can I find information on the dangers of lead-based paint and how it may impact on human health?
- A. By contacting the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950 or by visiting our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>

From the quick links at the top of the webpage, select “More Information” then select the link for “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)”.

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2. Q. Where can I find information about lead-based paint and the renovation, repair and painting requirements for North Carolina?
- A. By contacting the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950 or by visiting our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>
- (11/2010)

3. Q. What are renovation activities and what is a renovation?

A. Renovation activities are the activities relative to lead-based paint renovations including the use of recognized lead test kits, information distribution, work practices such as cleaning verification and dust clearance sampling, as well as the activities performed by a certified firm, certified renovator, or certified dust sampling technician.

A renovation is broadly defined as any activity performed for compensation that disturbs painted surfaces and includes most repair, remodeling, and maintenance activities, including window replacement and demolition of painted surface areas.

For more detailed information regarding these terms and their applicability contact the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950 or visit our website at:

<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>

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4. Q. What type of buildings do the renovation requirements apply to?
- A. Any child-occupied facilities (i.e., pre-school, day-care, etc.) and housing constructed prior to 1978 with some exceptions.

For more information regarding exceptions contact the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950 or visit our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>
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5. Q. I own a home in North Carolina that was built before 1978. I want my home renovated, repaired or painted by a contractor. Does the business entity/contractor have to be certified to conduct this renovation?

A. Yes. Firms that offer, perform, or claim to perform renovation activities for compensation in North Carolina in homes or child-occupied facilities built before 1978 must be a North Carolina certified renovation firm.

(Certified renovation firm means a company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship, association, or other business entity or individual doing business in the State, or a federal, State, tribal, or local government agency or a nonprofit organization that has been certified by the North Carolina Health Hazards Control Unit to perform renovation activities.) Source: NC General Statute §130A-453.22
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6. Q. I own and occupy a home in North Carolina that was built before 1978. I want to do my own (do-it-yourself) renovation. Do I as the owner-occupant have to be a North Carolina certified renovation firm or certified renovator to do my own renovation?

A. No. Owner occupied do-it-yourself renovations are not required to be done by certified firms or certified renovators. However, if you decide to hire someone to perform an applicable renovation, they must be a North Carolina certified lead renovation firm with a North Carolina certified renovator and trained workers.

If you should perform a “do-it-yourself” renovation project, we recommend that you do so following lead-safe work practices and properly dispose of the renovation waste. Contact the Health Hazards Control Unit at 919-707-5950 for additional information or guidance. (11/2010)

7. Q. There is a renovation being conducted at my child’s daycare center which was built before 1978. Who should be doing the work?

A. A North Carolina certified renovation firm with a North Carolina certified renovator and trained workers assigned to the project. (11/2010)

8. Q. Does this regulation apply to schools?
- A. The regulation applies if the school building was built before 1978, it is occupied by children under the age of 6, and if applicable renovation activities are being conducted. (11/2010)
9. Q. What information should I receive prior to the start of a renovation project if I live in a house or apartment built before 1978?
- A. Firms performing renovations in North Carolina must provide the owner or adult occupant (if the owner does not occupy the dwelling unit) a copy of the EPA pamphlet “The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right” prior to conducting the renovation. Copies of the pamphlet are available on our website under the renovation, repair and painting section at:
<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>
- In addition, if lead paint testing of the components affected by the renovation is done by a certified renovator using an EPA recognized test kit, the results of the testing are required to be provided in writing to the person contracting for the renovation activity before work begins. (11/2010)

CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

10. Q. How do I find a North Carolina certified lead renovation firm, certified renovator, or dust sampling technician?
- A. They can be found on our website at:
<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>
- From the quick links at the top of the webpage, select “Search for NC Certified Professionals” or contact the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) at 919-707-5950. (11/2010)
11. Q. How do I tell if a renovation contractor or dust sampling technician works for a North Carolina certified renovation firm and has the proper individual North Carolina certifications for the job?
- A. Ask to see these documents:
1. North Carolina *certified renovators have been issued a certification letter* by the Health Hazards Control Unit. They should also have a training certificate from their renovator course with their photograph on it.

2. North Carolina *dust sampling technicians are issued a photo identification card* by the Health Hazards Control Unit indicating their dates of certification. They should also have a training certificate from their dust sampling technician course with their photograph on it.
3. All North Carolina *certified renovation firms have been issued a renovation firm letter and certificate* by the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU). (11/2010)
12. Q. What is the North Carolina certification requirement for a dust sampling technician (DST) who performs dust clearance sampling after a renovation project?
- A. The DST must be certified by the North Carolina Lead Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP) and must be employed by a North Carolina certified renovation firm. (11/2010)
13. Q. Does a North Carolina *certified firm*, certified under the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program (LHMP) for lead-based paint activities such as abatement, inspections, or risk assessments using North Carolina certified inspectors or risk assessors, also have to be a North Carolina *certified renovation firm* under the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP) in order to make a written determination of the presence of LBP for a renovation project?
- A. No. (11/2010)
14. Q. Does a North Carolina *certified firm*, certified under the Lead Hazard Management Program (LHMP) for lead-based paint activities such as abatement, inspections, or risk assessments using North Carolina certified inspectors or risk assessors, also have to be a North Carolina *certified renovation firm* under the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP) in order to perform dust clearance sampling after a renovation project?
- A. No. (11/2010)
15. Q. Can an individual who has taken an accredited lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor initial training course or HUD recognized lead safe work practice (LSWP) training course, take a dust sampling technician (DST) refresher course (4 hour) and receive North Carolina DST certification?
- A. No. Individuals wishing to be a North Carolina certified DST must have taken an accredited (8 hour) initial DST course. Contact the Health Hazards Control Unit for a listing of training providers offering DST courses or visit our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> (11/2010)

16. Q. Can an individual who has taken an accredited LBP abatement supervisor or abatement worker training course or a HUD recognized LSWP training courses, take a certified renovator refresher course (4 hour) and receive North Carolina certification as a renovator?
- A. No. Individuals wishing to receive initial North Carolina renovator certification must have successfully completed an accredited (8 hour) initial renovator training course. Contact the Health Hazards Control Unit for a listing of training providers offering the renovator courses or visit our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> (11/2010)
17. Q. Is an individual considered certified as a renovator or dust sampling technician (DST) in North Carolina after simply attending an accredited, discipline-specific training course (i.e., renovator course)?
- A. No. Individuals must successfully complete an accredited discipline specific training course that meets North Carolina certification purposes as required by the LHMP-RRP rules, and they must submit a completed North Carolina application for DST or renovator certification. Applications for DST or renovator certification must include a copy of the applicable training course certificate issued by the training provider and a color photograph (passport style) of the applicant. Applications can be found on our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> or by contacting the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) at 919-707-5950. (10/2010)
- In order to become certified, all applicants for North Carolina certification as a DST and/or renovator must be employed by a North Carolina certified lead renovation firm. (11/2010)
18. Q. How do I become a North Carolina certified renovation firm?
- A. Submit a completed North Carolina application for renovation firm certification to the HHCU. Applications can be found on our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> or by contacting the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) at 919-707-5950. (11/2010)
19. Q. Where can I find the necessary applications to apply for NC certification as a certified lead renovation firm, certified renovator and certified dust sampling technician?
- A. Contact the HHCU at 919-707-5950 or visit our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> (11/2010)

20. Q. Must the renovation firm certification application be submitted and approved before I initially apply for renovator or dust sampling technician certification?
- A. No. You may submit both applications (i.e., renovation firm and renovator) together even though you will not yet have a renovation firm certification number to put on your renovator certification application. After a firm becomes certified, firms submitting for renovation firm certification on an annual basis must include their previously assigned renovation firm number (i.e., RRP0125) on the application. (11/2010)
21. Q. Are faxed copies of completed applications for certification for a lead renovator, DST or lead renovation firm acceptable?
- A. No. The HHCU must have the original application. A fax or copy is not acceptable. Follow each application's instructions closely to avoid problems or delays in the certification process. (11/2010)
22. Q. Will North Carolina accept EPA-accredited courses or accredited courses from other state-authorized programs for certification purposes if the course was taught out-of-state?
- A. Yes. If the class is taught out-of-state or if it was taught in North Carolina prior to August 1, 2010.
- All courses **taught in** North Carolina after July, 31, 2010 must be North Carolina-accredited in order to be acceptable for certification purposes. (11/2010)
23. Q. Will the EPA recognize North Carolina accredited training for dust sampling technician (DST) and renovator certification in EPA-run states?
- A. Yes. (11/2010)
24. Q. Is an EPA-accredited training provider required to have North Carolina accreditation in order to teach renovator and or dust sampling technician courses in North Carolina for certification purposes?
- A. Yes. All training providers and their courses **taught in** North Carolina after July 31, 2010, are required to have North Carolina accreditation and all instructors must be approved by North Carolina, in order to be acceptable for certification purposes in North Carolina. (11/2010)
25. Q. Where can I get information on becoming a North Carolina accredited training provider to offer certified renovator or dust sampling technician accredited training courses?
- A. Contact the HHCU at 919-707-5950. (11/2010)