

Renovation, Remodel, and Painting Rule (RRP) Certification Requirements

There are 2 types of certification required by EPA for Renovators: Individual certification and Firm certification. Firm certification is **not** the same as the personal (or individual) certification attained by successful completion of an RRP course. There is no training requirement for Firm Certification.

Individual Certification - At least one RRP Certified Renovator is required at each job site. Certification involves taking a 1-day class from an EPA Accredited Training Provider such as AEHS.

Note: *State Certified Lead Abatement Supervisors and Workers must also become RRP certified, but they only need to take a 1/2 day refresher class.*

Firm Certification - In addition to individual certification, each firm, agency or non-profit must also become RRP certified. Note: This includes city agencies and school districts as well as small "one-man-band" handymen and owners of rental property. Firms or "entities" must submit an application and pay EPA a fee (\$300) which is good for 5 years.

According to the EPA, after April 22, 2010, "... no firm working in target housing or child-occupied facilities, where lead-based paint will be affected by the work, may perform, offer or claim to perform renovations without EPA Firm Certification."



The **EPA Firm Certification** Application can be downloaded at the AEHS RRP training page. Be sure to download the **Sample** as well. You do not need individual certification to submit a Firm Application. Firms should apply as soon as possible.

Note: *Lead Abatement firms must also become RRP Certified if they do non-abatement work such as paint stabilization and interim controls.*

Released by EPA on July 6, 2010 - Because of concern that contractors in some areas may be having difficulty accessing training classes, EPA recently announced that it is providing renovation firms and workers additional time to obtain training and certifications to comply with the new lead rules. EPA will not take enforcement action for violations of the rule's firm certification requirement until October 1, 2010, and will not enforce certification requirements against individual renovation workers if they apply to enroll in certified renovator classes by September 30, 2010 and complete the training by December 31, 2010.

The agency will continue to take enforcement actions against renovation firms and individuals who do not comply with the RRP work practices and associated recordkeeping requirements. The lead-safe work practices include dust control, site clean up and work area containment. It is important that contractors take proactive steps to protect children, families, and themselves while they take the training and file the appropriate paperwork.

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