

## LEAD ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 135.105A

**Job Description** Lead abatement contractors conduct lead abatement and supervise the work of others. "Lead abatement" means any measure or set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility. Abatement includes, but is not limited to, (1) the removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the permanent enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement of lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil and (2) all preparation, cleanup, disposal, and post-abatement clearance testing activities associated with such measures.

Lead abatement specifically includes, but is not limited to (1) projects for which there is a written contract or other documentation, which provides that an individual will be conducting activities in or to a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility that shall result in or are designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards, (2) projects resulting in the permanent elimination of lead-based paint hazards, (3) projects resulting in the permanent elimination of lead-based paint hazards that are conducted by firms or individuals who, through their company name or promotional literature, represent, advertise, or hold themselves out to be in the business of performing lead-based paint abatement, and (4) projects resulting in the permanent elimination of lead-based paint that are conducted in response to an abatement order.

Abatement does not include renovation, remodeling, landscaping, or other activities, when such activities are not designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards, but, instead, are designed to repair, restore, or remodel a given structure or dwelling, even though these activities may incidentally result in a reduction or elimination of lead-based paint hazards. Furthermore, abatement does not include interim controls, operations and maintenance activities or other measures and activities designed to temporarily, but not permanently, reduce lead-based paint hazards.

**Education & Experience Required** Applicants need to have one year of experience as a certified lead abatement worker OR, effective January 5, 2000, two years of related experience or education (e.g., lead, housing inspection, building trades, property management and maintenance).

Specific Required Training Program:

Applicants must complete an Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)-approved training program. To be approved for the training of lead abatement contractors, a course must be at least 40 instructional training hours with a minimum of 12 hours devoted to hands-on activities and shall cover at least the following subjects (requirements ending in an asterisk (\*) indicate areas that require hands-on activities as an integral component of the course):

- a. Role and responsibilities of a lead abatement contractor.
- b. Background information on lead and its adverse health effects, how children and adults are exposed to lead and how to prevent lead exposure.
- c. Background information on federal, state, and local regulations and guidance that pertain to lead-based paint and lead-based paint activities.
- d. Liability and insurance issues relating to lead-based paint abatement.
- e. Identification of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards.\*
- f. Interpretation of lead inspection reports.\*
- g. Development and implementation of an occupant protection plan and abatement report.
- h. Respiratory protection and protective clothing.\*
- i. Employee information and training.
- j. Approved methods for conducting lead-based paint abatement and interim controls.\*
- k. Prohibited methods for conducting lead-based paint abatement and interim controls.
- l. Interior dust abatement and cleanup.\*
- m. Soil and exterior dust abatement and cleanup.\*
- n. Clearance standards and testing, including random sampling.
- o. Cleanup and waste disposal.
- p. Record keeping.
- q. The course shall conclude with a course test and, if applicable, a hands-on skill assessment. The student must achieve a score of at least 80 percent on the examination and successfully complete the hands-on skill assessment to successfully complete the course.

**Continuing Education** The applicant must complete an IDPH-approved 8-hour refresher course every three years. The refresher course shall cover at least the following subjects:

- a. A review of the curriculum topics of the initial certification course for the appropriate discipline as listed in subrules 70.4(3) to 70.4(8).
- b. An overview of current safety practices relating to lead-based paint activities in general, as well as specific information pertaining to the appropriate discipline.
- c. Current laws and regulations relating to lead-based paint activities in general, as well as specific information pertaining to the appropriate discipline.

- d. Current technologies relating to lead-based paint activities in general, as well as specific information pertaining to the appropriate discipline.
- e. The course shall conclude with a course test and, if applicable, a hands-on skill assessment. The student must achieve a score of at least 80 percent on the examination and successfully complete the hands-on skill assessment to successfully complete the course.

**Examination** After completing an approved course, the applicant must take and pass the state certification exam, given at selected community colleges in Iowa. The course provider supplies test site and contact information to applicants.

**Fees** Application:\$50  
Duration: One year  
Renewal: \$50  
Exam: None

**SOC Code, Title, &Avg. Hourly Wage** 47-1011 – First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers (\$20.64)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: 69  
2000: 49