In October 2018, the Notice of Final Rulemaking for ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS became effective, governing the requirements and processes for licensure of asbestos abatement workers and supervisors in the District of Columbia. The official notice can be found at 17 DCMR Ch. 1 and Ch. 33 Asbestos Abatement.

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General License Information and Requirements

What are the asbestos pre-licensure training requirements?

Asbestos Workers: If you are not currently licensed in any state or jurisdiction, you must show proof of completion of an EPA-accredited course on asbestos abatement for workers within the last two years.

Asbestos Supervisors: If you are not currently licensed in any state or jurisdiction, you must show proof of completion of an EPA-accredited course on asbestos abatement for contractors or supervisors within the last two years.  

I have never had an asbestos license in DC. Where do I go to complete a new license application?

Anyone interested in applying for an occupational or professional license in the District may visit the following website: https://www.dcopla.com/trades/. Applicants must provide a government-issued ID, a recent front-facing photo, and proof of completion of an EPA-accredited asbestos course within the last two years OR copy of a current license in another state or jurisdiction.

How long is my license valid?

All licenses are valid from the date of issuance through the close of the two-year licensing period, which ends July 31 of each odd-numbered year - e.g., July 31, 2021.

How do I renew my license?

The asbestos license renewal cycle begins on May 1st of odd-numbered years and licenses expire on July 31st of odd-numbered years. To renew your asbestos worker or supervisor license, access your online account by clicking here. You will need to provide:

- Recent front-facing photo of you only (.jpeg, .png, or .tiff)
- Government-issued ID
- Current mailing address
- Renewal fee of $110.00 (credit or debit card only)

All licenses will be mailed through the U.S. postal service to the current address on file.
For more information, please visit the DC Board of Industrial Trades website at https://www.dcopla.com/trades/ and view the asbestos renewal notice and instructions (available in English and Spanish). Back to Top

I need help submitting my application.

Customers who would like assistance with completing an application may contact a customer service representative at (866) 270-9817; chat live with a customer service representative by accessing the online portal; or may email a customer service representative at licensing@dcopla.com. Back to Top

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What are the asbestos course guidelines?

While the Board does not endorse specific asbestos courses or providers, a course on asbestos abatements for workers or supervisors that has been accredited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with the EPA Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan, must be completed and submitted. Individuals are responsible for ensuring that continuing education courses satisfy accreditation requirements. Back to Top

What are the NEW continuing education requirements?

Beginning August 1, 2021 all renewal applications must show proof of completion of annual refresher training on asbestos abatement during each year of the previous license cycle. For example, a licensee must submit proof of completing courses during the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

All reinstatement applications must show proof of one of the following within one year of application: Completion of one of the pre-licensure training requirements as listed above OR an EPA-accredited annual refresher training course. Back to Top