

2.12 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TECHNICIAN, REMOVER, OR INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION

- ❑ *Question: Am I interested in being certified as an underground storage tank (UST) remover? OR*
- ❑ *Question: Am I interested in being certified as an UST technician who can install, upgrade, repair, replace and remove UST systems? OR*
- ❑ *Question: Am I interested in being certified as an underground storage tank inspector?*

Why do I need this approval?

To protect ground water from leaks caused by improperly removed or installed underground storage tanks (USTs), any individual who removes, installs, upgrades, repairs or retrofits an UST, must be certified. To protect groundwater from leaks caused by USTs not being in compliance, any individual who inspects an UST must be certified.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Environment Article, §4-405, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.10.06.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) New applicants must complete the application form, pay the appropriate fee and take either the technician examination (install, upgrade, repair, replace and remove), the heating oil technician examination (heating oil UST systems with capacity of 2,000 gallons or less of heating oil only), the remove examination (remover only) or the inspector examination (inspect only).
- 2) For technician and remover certificate renewal, applicants must submit proof of attending at least one approved UST training course and provide proof of performing work at 6 UST sites within the past two years OR retest.
- 3) For inspector certificate renewal, applicants must submit proof, 30 days prior to the certificate expiration date, of attending at least one Department approved training course for UST system compliance inspections, of a Department approved third party inspector update seminar and to performing inspections at 10 UST sites within the past two years OR retest.
- 4) For all renewal certifications, an application form must be submitted to the Oil Control Program and the appropriate fee must be paid. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE.
- 5) The applicant must call the Department 30 days prior to certificate expiration to schedule a testing date.
- 6) Applicants with a test score of 90% or better are certified.

Before I apply for this approval, do I need to get any approvals from the local or federal government?

No local approvals are required to obtain the certificate, however counties and municipalities may require that UST projects be approved by the local authority before work begins. Check with the county or local authorities.

Are there any other requirements?

No.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

40 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Two years

How much will this approval cost?

Type of Approval	Fee
Technicians, Heating oil USTs	\$100 every 2 years
Technicians, All other USTs	\$200 every 2 years
Removers	\$50 every 2 years
Inspectors	\$300 every 2 years

Do I need to know any additional information?

- Information on companies employing certified UST technicians, removers and inspectors is available from the Department upon request.
- Information on approved training for UST technicians, removers and inspectors is available from the Department's website at [this link](#).
- To become an approved UST training provider, submit your course outline and description to the Department for review.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

Permits and Support Division
Oil Control Program
(410) 537-3442

Related link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/Pages/landpermits.aspx>