

## 2.19 LEAD PAINT ACCREDITATIONS

- ❑ *Question: Will my activities disturb paint on a residential rental property built prior to 1978? OR*
- ❑ *Question: Am I being employed to perform Lead Paint Abatement work?*

### **Why do I need this approval?**

The purpose of the program is to oversee lead poisoning prevention activities to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning. One of the activities included is the oversight of lead paint abatement work. This work includes any activity which eliminates or reduces lead paint hazards, including paint removal, replacement of components, encapsulation, repainting or inspection. Examples of people who provide lead paint services include contractors, workers, supervisors and inspectors.

If not detected early, children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from hyperactivity, slowed growth, damage to their brain and nervous system, hearing problems and headaches.

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

STATE: Environment Article - Title 6, Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.16.01.

### **What is the process to get this approval?**

- 1) Take training from an accredited Training Provider.
- 2) Submit application form, specifying type of accreditation desired.
  - Include application fee, payable to the Maryland Department of the Environment.  
Mail to:  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
P.O. Box 1417  
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1417
  - Include supporting documentation, verification of work experience and successful completion of the appropriate training courses which have been accredited by the Department.

### **Are there any other requirements?**

Abatement workers must be trained, but do not apply for the accreditation. Lead paint abatement workers include painters, carpenters and other trades qualified to work on residential, public, and commercial lead paint jobs; and structural steel workers who are qualified to remove lead paint from steel structures and superstructures such as bridges and water storage tanks. Workers may only perform Abatement under the supervision of an Accredited Lead Paint Supervisor. Worker training is valid for 3 years.

Contractors must be accredited through the Department. Lead paint contractors include those who work on residential, public, and commercial buildings as well as the maintenance work required in rental housing; structural steel projects, such as bridges, water tanks, and industrial structures; and conduct lead paint inspections.

Supervisors must be trained and accredited through the Department. Lead paint supervisors include maintenance and repainting supervisors, lead paint removal and demolition supervisors, and structural steel supervisors who oversee lead paint activities on steel bridges, water tanks, and industrial structures.

Lead paint inspectors must be trained and accredited through the Department. Lead paint inspectors include Inspector Technicians approved to perform Lead Free Inspection, Visual Inspectors to conduct dust inspection of rental housing, and Risk Assessors who interpret information and provide advice regarding possible sources of lead exposure and all compliance.

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

60 days

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

2 years

### **How much will this application cost?**

Application fees range from \$125 to \$250 based on the type of contractor and service. See COMAR 26.16.01.20 for the specific fee schedule. Renewal fees are the same as the initial application fee.

### **Who do I contact with additional questions?**

Lead Accreditation and Oversight Division  
(410) 537-3825

Related link:

- <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/index.aspx>
- <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/Documents/LeadFactSheets/LeadfsTrainingProviderList.pdf>