

1.07 ASBESTOS CONTRACTOR LICENSE

- ❑ *Question: Do I own or manage a company that performs activities involving the disturbance of friable asbestos?*

Why do I need this approval?

The purpose of this license is to minimize the risk of asbestos exposure to workers and to the public. Businesses, contractors and others engaged in any activities involving the disturbance of friable asbestos must apply for this license.

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

FEDERAL: Clean Air Act, sections 112, 42 USC sec. 7412, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS); Asbestos NESHAP Revision, 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, dated November 20, 1990.
STATE: Environment Article, Title 6, Subtitle 4; COMAR 26.11.21, Control of Asbestos, as amended through July 16, 1990.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) The completed application form, with the proper fee, is submitted to the Department. Receipt of the application will be acknowledged by the Department within 15 working days.
- 2) The application is reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The Department will notify the applicant of any deficiencies.
- 3) The Department will issue or deny the permit no later than 60 days after receipt of the completed application.

Are there any other requirements?

PRE-APPROVAL: An applicant must submit a completed license application including documentation of approved current asbestos handling training for workers and supervisors. The application must

describe work practices and demonstrate that the applicant has an understanding of asbestos regulations. Workers and supervisors must be medically monitored and they must complete annual refresher courses to continue working in an environment which exposes them to asbestos. In order to work in Maryland, the supervisors and workers must have a valid photo id with training information.

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?

Must be renewed annually.

How much will this approval cost?

Fees are listed below and are payable by company check, certified check or money order to the MDE/Clean Air Fund. There are no fees for public agencies. The annual fee for each contractor is based on the number of employees engaged in asbestos projects.

Number of Employees	Annual License Fee
2 or less	\$ 125
3 or more	\$ 750

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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