

10A NCAC 41C .0602 ACCREDITATION

(a) No person shall perform asbestos management activities until that person has been accredited by the Program in the appropriate accreditation category, as set forth in Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule, except as provided for in G.S. 130A-447(b) and (c).

(b) An applicant for accreditation shall meet the requirements of the "EPA Model Contractor Accreditation Plan" contained in 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E, Appendix C and shall complete the applicable training courses approved by the Program pursuant to Rule .0603 of this Section and as set forth in this Rule for each accreditation category. An applicant applying for roofing worker or roofing supervisor accreditation shall only be required to complete the training courses as described under Rule .0611 of this Section.

(c) In addition to the requirements in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, an applicant, other than for the worker or roofing worker categories, shall meet the following:

- (1) an applicant for initial accreditation shall have completed an approved initial training course for the discipline in which the applicant seeks accreditation within the 12 months immediately preceding application. If initial training was completed more than 12 months prior to application, the applicant shall have completed an approved refresher training course for the discipline in which he or she seeks accreditation at least every 24 months from the date of completion of initial training to the date of application;
- (2) an inspector shall have:
 - (A) a high school diploma or equivalent; and
 - (B) at least three months of experience working as an accredited asbestos inspector or three months of experience working under the direct supervision of an accredited inspector.
- (3) a management planner shall have a high school diploma or equivalent and shall be an accredited inspector, as defined in Subparagraph (c)(2) of this Rule.
- (4) a supervisor or roofing supervisor shall have:
 - (A) a high school diploma or equivalent; except that this requirement shall not apply to supervisors that were accredited on November 1, 1989, or roofing supervisors that were accredited prior to April 1, 1997; and
 - (B) at least three months of experience working as an accredited asbestos supervisor or three months of experience working under the direct supervision of an accredited supervisor.
- (5) an abatement designer shall have:
 - (A) a high school diploma or equivalent; and
 - (B) at least three months of experience working as an accredited asbestos designer or three months of experience working under the direct supervision of an accredited abatement designer.
- (6) an air monitor shall work only under an accredited supervising air monitor or meet the provisions of Part (c)(7)(C) of this Rule. However, this requirement shall not apply to the owner or operator of a building and his employees when performing air monitoring in non-public areas. In addition, all air monitors shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) Education and Work Experience:
 - (i) a high school diploma or equivalent; and
 - (ii) at least three months of experience working as an asbestos air monitor or three months of experience working under the direct supervision of an accredited air monitor.
 - (B) Training Requirements:
 - (i) complete a Program approved National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 582 or Program approved NIOSH 582 Equivalency Course and meet the initial and refresher training requirements of this Rule for supervisors; Program approved project monitor refresher course may be substituted for the supervisor refresher course; or
 - (ii) meet the initial and refresher training requirements of this Rule for a Program approved five-day project monitor course and a Program approved annual refresher course.
- (7) a supervising air monitor shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) Education and Work Experience:
 - (i) a high school diploma or equivalent;

- (ii) at least three months of experience working as an asbestos air monitor or three months of experience working under the direct supervision of an accredited air monitor.
 - (B) Training Requirements:
 - (i) complete a Program approved NIOSH 582 or Program approved NIOSH 582 Equivalency Course and meet the initial and refresher training requirements of this Rule for supervisors; a Program approved project monitor refresher course may be substituted for the supervisor refresher course; or
 - (ii) meet the initial and refresher training requirements of this Rule for a Program approved five-day project monitor course and a Program approved annual refresher course.
 - (C) Professional Status:
 - (i) a supervising air monitor who was accredited as an air monitor on or after February 1, 1991, or an air monitor accredited prior to that date who has not continuously maintained accreditation, shall be a Certified Industrial Hygienist;
 - (ii) a supervising air monitor who was accredited as an air monitor prior to February 1, 1991, who has continuously maintained accreditation shall be a Certified Industrial Hygienist, Professional Engineer, or Registered Architect.
 - (D) Air monitors with a valid accreditation on January 1, 1995 supervising other accredited air monitors shall be deemed to be accredited supervising air monitors for the duration of their existing air monitor accreditation.
- (d) To obtain accreditation, the applicant shall submit to the Program:
 - (1) a completed application on a form provided by the Program, which is available at: <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/asbestos/healthaz.html>. A completed application form shall include the following information:
 - (A) full name;
 - (B) address, including city, state, zip code, and telephone number;
 - (C) date of birth, sex, height, and weight;
 - (D) discipline applied for;
 - (E) name, address, and telephone number of employer;
 - (F) training agency attended;
 - (G) name of training course completed; and
 - (H) dates of course attended;
 - (2) one 1.25 inch x 1.25 inch color photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding six months per application with the applicant's full name printed on the back of each photograph;
 - (3) confirmation of completion of an approved initial or refresher training course from the training agency. The confirmation shall be in the form of an original certificate of completion of the approved training course bearing the training agency's official seal or an original letter from the training agency on training agency letterhead that includes the following information:
 - (A) the name of the course completed;
 - (B) the date of course completion;
 - (C) the unique certificate number; and
 - (D) a list of names for the individuals who successfully completed the training course, with the applicant's name included in that list;
 - (4) when education is a requirement in accordance with this Rule, a copy of the diploma;
 - (5) when work experience is a requirement in accordance with this Rule, documentation of the applicant's asbestos related work experience that includes the following:
 - (A) employer name;
 - (B) employer address and phone number;
 - (C) position(s) held by applicant; and
 - (D) dates when the applicant held each position;
 - (6) when applicants for initial air monitor accreditation are working under an accredited supervising air monitor pursuant to Subparagraph (c)(6) of this Rule, the accredited supervising air monitor shall submit an original, signed letter acknowledging responsibility for the applicant's air monitoring activities. The applicant shall ensure that a new letter is submitted to the Program any time the information in the letter currently on file is no longer accurate.

(e) All accreditations shall expire at the end of the 12th month following completion of required initial or refresher training. Work performed after the 12th month and prior to reaccreditation shall constitute a violation of this Rule. To be reaccredited, an applicant shall have completed the required refresher training course within 24 months after the initial or refresher training course. An applicant for reaccreditation shall also submit information specified in Subparagraphs (d)(1)-(d)(6) of this Rule. If a person fails to obtain the required training within 12 calendar months after the expiration date of accreditation, that person shall be accredited only by meeting the requirements of Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule.

(f) All accredited persons shall be assigned an accreditation number and issued a photo-identification card by the Program.

(g) In accordance with G.S. 130A-23, the Program may revoke accreditation or reaccreditation for any violation of G.S. 130A, Article 19 or the rules in this Section, or upon determining that its issuance was based upon incorrect or inadequate information that materially affected the decision to issue accreditation or reaccreditation. The Program shall also revoke accreditation or reaccreditation upon a finding that the accredited person has violated any requirement referenced in Rule .0605(e) of this Section. A person whose accreditation is revoked because of fraudulent misrepresentations or because of violations that create a public health hazard shall not reapply for accreditation before six months after the revocation and shall repeat the initial training course and other requirements as set out in Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule.

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