

# Requirements for Becoming a Lead Abatement Worker

## Kansas Department of Health and Environment Lead Hazard Prevention Program

As Pursuant to Kansas Administrative Regulations effective September 13, 1999.

### What is a Lead Abatement Worker?

A lead abatement worker is a certified individual who carries out any measure or set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility. Lead abatement includes the removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the permanent enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement of lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil.

### How do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Worker?

Within one year of successfully completing a KDHE or EPA accredited training program, submit a completed *Lead Occupation Initial/Renewal* form, along with a copy of your KDHE or EPA accredited lead worker training course diploma, any required refresher course completion diploma for the lead abatement worker occupation, and a debit/credit card or check/money order payment made payable to KDHE for the nonrefundable \$50 fee.

### Where can I get a *Lead Occupation Initial / Renewal* form?

Please contact us by one of the following methods:

Telephone: **1-866-865-3233**      Fax: **785-559-4246**      Email: [kdhe.lead@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.lead@ks.gov)

You can also visit our website at [www.kshealthyhomes.org](http://www.kshealthyhomes.org)

### How much are the fees to become a lead abatement worker? \*

Initial fee.....	\$50
Recertification fee.....	\$25
Certification by Reciprocity fee.....	\$50

**\*all fees are nonrefundable**

### What qualifications are required to become a lead abatement worker?

#### Education qualifications-

There are no minimum education qualifications to become a lead abatement worker

#### Training qualifications-

Each applicant for a certificate as a lead abatement worker shall complete a KDHE or EPA accredited lead abatement worker training course and pass the course examination with a score of 80% or higher.

### What are approved documents recognized by KDHE as evidence of meeting the training requirements?

Course completion diplomas issued by the KDHE or EPA accredited training provider are required to be submitted at time of application to KDHE for certification.

### Does a Lead Abatement Worker have to pass a third-party exam before receiving certification?

There is no third-party exam for lead abatement workers. Successful completion of a KDHE or EPA accredited training course is sufficient for certification of a lead abatement worker.

### How do I apply for recertification?

The certified individual applying for renewal shall complete the eight-hour KDHE or EPA accredited refresher course for lead abatement workers and submit a completed application for renewal of certificate to KDHE at least 60 days before the certificate's expiration date as indicated on the certificate. A completed application includes a complete occupations application, a lead abatement worker refresher diploma, and a nonrefundable recertification fee of \$25 which can be paid by debit/credit card or check/money order made payable to KDHE.

**I am certified/licensed in another state; can I apply for certification by reciprocity?**

Yes, if the state you are certified/licensed in has a reciprocity agreement with KDHE. Check with your state agency or contact KDHE for updated state reciprocity agreements. When applying, you must follow all the procedures outlined for an individual applying for certification as a lead abatement worker. (See “How do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Worker?” above) Include a copy of the EPA-approved state certification certificate(s) for a lead abatement worker occupation in other states, and a debit/credit card or check/money order payment for the nonrefundable application fee of \$50.

**How will I know if I was approved or denied certification?**

The applicant shall be informed by KDHE in writing if the application is approved, incomplete, or denied. An incomplete application notice will be accompanied by a list of necessary items and/or information required to complete the application. The applicant will have 30 days to correct omissions or the application will be denied. When an application for certification is denied, the written notice of denial to the applicant shall specify the reasons for the denial. If an applicant is wrongfully denied by a determination to deny certification, the applicant may appeal KDHE’s denial to the administrative hearing commission as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

**What would cause my application to be denied?**

Certification may be denied by KDHE for any of the following reasons:

- Not having correct type or amount of training
- Providing false or misleading statements in the application
- Failure to submit a complete application

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