

Sec. 20-440-3. Licensure and certification of asbestos consultants

(a) No individual shall provide services as an asbestos consultant in this state without first obtaining a license as an asbestos consultant issued by the department. Applications for such license shall be made to the department on forms provided by it, and shall contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications and experience in asbestos-related consultations as the department may require as set forth in this section.

Asbestos consultants shall perform their activities in compliance with generally recognized standards of practice of the asbestos consulting industry and asbestos professional associations. Certification in one or more disciplines shall be required for licensure as an asbestos consultant.

(b) Certification shall be offered in the following disciplines of asbestos consultation: inspector, management planner, project designer and project monitor. Applicants shall apply for licensure and certification as asbestos consultants simultaneously in the same application. A licensee's activities shall be restricted to the scope of practice of each discipline in which the individual is also certified. However, providing all requirements are met, a licensed asbestos consultant who is certified as a management planner may also perform the duties of an inspector.

(1) Inspector

(A) Scope of Certification. Certification as an inspector authorizes a licensed asbestos consultant to review facilities' records and perform visual inspection or surveillance of facilities; to identify, document or inventory materials suspected of containing asbestos; to collect bulk samples for asbestos analysis according to procedures established by applicable state or federal laws and regulations; and to provide direct supervision to non-certified individuals collecting bulk samples of materials suspected of containing asbestos. Inspectors shall apply current concepts and knowledge of best available technology to evaluate the conditions and accessibility of ACM.

(B) Qualifications. Applicants shall hold either an associate's or a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene or an environmental science degree as determined by the commissioner to be closely related, including but not limited to environmental health, biology, and earth science. Applicants shall have a minimum of six months employment experience in an occupation determined by the commissioner to be closely related to that of an inspector or two months of field experience under the direct supervision of a licensed inspector or licensed management planner. Applicants shall have successfully completed the required training as set forth in subdivision 20-440-7(c)(4) or refresher training requirements outlined in section 20-441 of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(C) Exempted activities. The following activities are exempted from the requirement of certification as an inspector:

(i) Periodic surveillance. A person does not need to be certified as an inspector to perform visual observations of an area that previously has been identified as containing interior ACM or that previously has been assigned to contain interior ACM and that is being inspected to identify changes in the physical condition of that interior ACM. However, no touching or taking of samples is permitted without a certificate as an inspector.

(ii) Compliance inspections. An authorized person from a federal or state agency need

not be certified as an inspector to perform a compliance inspection the primary purpose of which is to determine adherence to applicable statutes or regulations and not to locate, assess or remedy the condition of ACM.

(iii) Visual inspections. A person who conducts a visual inspection to determine whether a response action is complete need not be certified as an inspector, but shall be certified as a project monitor.

(2) Management planner

(A) Scope of Certification. Certification as a management planner authorizes a licensed asbestos consultant to utilize information developed from facility inspections to assess potential hazards of ACM; to develop abatement response actions, operations and maintenance plans; to select and recommend abatement actions; and, to perform duties within the scope of certification as an inspector.

(B) Qualifications. Applicants shall hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene or an environmental science degree as determined by the commissioner to be closely related, including but not limited to environmental health, biology, and earth science. Applicants shall have a minimum of six months experience in asbestos abatement, including experience in asbestos management or three months of field experience under the supervision of a licensed asbestos consultant certified as a management planner. Applicants shall have successfully completed training requirements as set forth in subdivision 20-440-7(c)(5) of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and be certified as an Inspector.

(3) Project Designer

(A) Scope of Certification. Certification as a project designer authorizes a licensed asbestos consultant to apply knowledge of facility construction, design and development of abatement projects; abatement specifications; bidding documents; architectural drawings; and, schematic representations of material locations. Project designers may also determine how asbestos abatement should be conducted.

(B) Qualifications. Applicants shall hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene or an environmental science degree as determined by the commissioner to be closely related, including but not limited to environmental health, biology, and earth science. Applicants shall have a minimum of one year experience in asbestos abatement, including experience in asbestos abatement design or six months field experience under the supervision of a licensed asbestos consultant certified as a project designer. Applicants shall have successfully completed the training requirements as set forth in subdivision 20-440-7(c)(6) of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(4) Project Monitor

(A) Scope of Certification. Certification as a project monitor authorizes a licensed asbestos consultant to function in the capacity of on-site representative of the facility owner or other persons, interpret project specifications or abatement management plans, monitor and evaluate contractor or employee compliance with applicable regulations or specifications and ensure that abatement projects are properly conducted and completed. The project monitor shall not also function as the asbestos contractor or as an employee of the asbestos contractor on the same asbestos abatement project for which he is the project

monitor.

(B) Qualifications. Applicants shall hold either an associate's or a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene or an environmental science degree as determined by the commissioner to be closely related, including but not limited to environmental health, biology, and earth science. Applicants shall have a minimum of one year experience in asbestos abatement, including experience in asbestos abatement project monitoring or six months field experience under the supervision of a licensed asbestos consultant certified as a project monitor. Applicants shall have successfully completed the training requirements as set forth in subdivision 20-440-7(c)(7) of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

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