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WorkSafeBC Asbestos Certification and Licencing Update (March 9, 2023)

Scope of requirements and levels of worker certification

WorkSafeBC would like you to be aware of recently posted information and resources to help you prepare for the new asbestos certification and licensing requirements that will need to be followed on the effective date for the changes (to be determined).

Who is required to have a licence or certificate

Information is now available on our website to provide detailed information on which employers will require licensing and which workers will require certification once the requirements take effect. At a high level:

- Employers that offer asbestos abatement services to others related to a building will require a valid license.
- Employers requiring a license will also need to ensure that their asbestos abatement workers are certified.
- Workers require a certificate if they are conducting asbestos abatement work related to a building.

To understand the full scope of the requirements, please see [Asbestos licensing and certification: Who is required to have a licence or certificate](#).

Certification levels for asbestos abatement workers

We have also added information on our website on the different levels of certification that will be required of workers, based on the type of asbestos work they will be doing.

We continue to work with potential training providers to ensure they understand the specific competencies and requirements that training programs must address for the provider to be approved. In a future update, we will share information on training providers who have been approved by WorkSafeBC to provide asbestos abatement training to workers. We anticipate that approved training providers will begin offering training by mid-2023.

Resources

- Read the current and past WorkSafeBC [quarterly updates](#)
- Subscribe to receive WorkSafeBC [email updates](#) (select the “Asbestos certification and licensing updates” option)
- For more details on licensing requirements, see [Who is required to have a licence or certificate](#).
- WorkSafeBC Information: [For employers: Asbestos certification and licensing](#)

If you have any questions about WorkSafeBC Asbestos Certification and Licencing Implementation, please contact Glen Williams CLR.