



Date May 28, 2020

To: All Persons Holding Colorado Certification in Asbestos Disciplines  
Re: Colorado State Certification

Following guidance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Center for Disease Control for best management practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Air Pollution Control Division (Division) is implementing the following enforcement discretion to address Colorado certification requirements for all asbestos disciplines.

Currently, all state certificates that expired on or after March 13, 2020, have been granted an extension of the expiration date through June 30, 2020.

The Division has worked with Colorado registered Training Providers approved for asbestos certification classes in Colorado to develop requirements for "Live Remote" refresher classes. Students now have the choice between attending refresher classes in person or through this live remote process. Initial classes must be taken in person in order to fulfill "hands-on" requirements.

Starting July 1, 2020, the Division will enforce compliance with certification and recertification requirements in Colorado Regulation No. 8, Part B, Sections II.C. and II.D. as normal. However, due to COVID-19, the in-person state examinations for asbestos certification for individuals eligible for recertification or reinstatement have been suspended through December 31, 2020. Therefore, from March 14, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the Division will exercise enforcement discretion regarding the examination requirements of Sections II.C.4 and II.D.3.a.(iv). for individuals seeking renewal of an existing certificate, which expired or will expire during this time period, or reinstatement (if eligible) of an expired certificate during this time period.

In order to receive this enforcement discretion, applications for recertification and reinstatement must be submitted timely by mail or online to [cdphe.IEPCertification@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.IEPCertification@state.co.us). **NO IN-PERSON APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Applications must be accompanied by a copy of a current AHERA training certificate in the appropriate discipline or a current AMS training certificate, any applicable supporting documentation and the fee. Training certificates must have been issued by an approved training provider. Please do not send in original training certificates. All certificates and ID cards will be issued by mail. **NO IN-PERSON PICKUP WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

### Recertification or Reinstatement

Anyone who has or will receive an extension of the expiration date through June 30, 2020 or is eligible for reinstatement must renew or reinstate their expired Colorado certification (if eligible) in compliance with Regulation No. 8, Part B as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2020, to avoid having an expired certification. For applicants who were granted extensions of their state certification expiration date, the expiration date on their new certificate will be dated one year from their previous expiration date. For reinstatement, a new expiration date will be issued.

### Initial Certification

For individuals who have never been certified in Colorado, or those whose training has expired and who are ineligible for reinstatement, examinations will resume after June 30, 2020. Please check the Division's asbestos web page for forthcoming information on this process.

The Division anticipates that it may resume in-person examinations for all applicants at the beginning of 2021, if circumstances allow.

This enforcement discretion may be revoked at any time. Please continue to check the Division's asbestos web page for updated information and changes to these dates.