

My certificate expired. Do I have to take the initial course all over again?

Taking an initial course can take anywhere from 3 to 5 days. This is time and money for you and your company. It is important to understand the expiration dates of your training to avoid having to retake an initial course. Unfortunately you cannot take a refresher course after your grace period is over. Remember, refresher/continuing education courses are 8 hours or less, and this amount of time and money is much less than having to take an initial all over again.

ASBESTOS:

Accrediting agency = Cal/OSHA

Certificates are valid for 1 year from the last day of the course you have taken (expiration date). In addition, you have a 1 year grace period following the expiration date of your certificate. During this grace period you may renew your training by taking the appropriate Asbestos Refresher Course, however, you may NOT perform within the discipline during your grace period. If you go one day beyond your grace period, your training becomes null and void and you must attend the initial course again.

Example: Asbestos Contractor Supervisor Initial Course 3/2/19 – 3/6/19. Certificate expiration date = 3/6/20. Grace period = 3/6/21.

CA LEAD CERTIFICATION

Individual certification or renewal

[Apply for individual certification or renewal \(NOTE: Refresher training required every 24 months.\)](#)

Accrediting agency = California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Getting a New Certificate?

The type of training you should take depends on which lead certificate you want to apply for. Before you spend money on a course:

- Make sure you know [which certificate](#) is right for the kind of work you want to do.
- Make sure you are [eligible](#) for the type of certificate you want to get.
- Look at the table below to see which training is required for the certificate you want to get.

Type of Certificate	Required Training
Inspector/Assessor	Inspection/Assessment (40 hours); or Certified Industrial Hygienist Course (24 hours - CIHs only)
Project Monitor	Supervision & Project Monitoring (40 hours); or Work (24 hours) + Supplemental Supervision & Project Monitoring (16 hours); or Certified Industrial Hygienist Course (24 hours - CIHs only)
Sampling Technician	Sampling Technician (8 hours)
Supervisor	Supervision & Project Monitoring (40 hours); or Work (24 hours) + Supplemental Supervision & Project Monitoring (16 hours)
Worker	Work (24 hours)

Refreshing Old Training?

If you are applying for a new certificate and it has been more than 1 year since you completed your CDPH-approved training, you must "refresh" that training by taking CDPH-approved Continuing Education before applying for certification. The type of continuing education you should take depends on which lead certificate(s) you want to get. See the chart below.

Note: You must apply for certification within 3 years of completing your training. If it has been more than 3 years since you completed your CDPH-approved training, you must retake that training from a CDPH-approved training provider before applying for certification.

Type of Certificate	Required "Refresher" Continuing Education
Inspector/Assessor	
Sampling Technician	General Continuing Education (7 hours)
Project Monitor	
Supervisor	General Continuing Education (7 hours); or Worker Continuing Education (7 hours)
Worker	Worker Continuing Education (7 hours)

IMPORTANT

- If you want to get a Worker certificate and an Inspector/Assessor Project Monitor certificate, you must complete BOTH a General and Worker continuing education (7 hours each).
- If you want to get a Worker certificate and a Supervisor certificate, you should take a Worker continuing education course (7 hours) to satisfy the continuing education requirement for those certificates.
- If you want to get a Supervisor certificate and an Inspector/Assessor or Project Monitor certificate, you should take a General continuing education course (7 hours) to satisfy the continuing education requirement for those certificates.
- You can take your continuing education class in English or Spanish, regardless of the language in which you took the original training. Initial training is offered in Spanish for the Work and Supervisor/Project Monitor courses. Continuing education is offered in Spanish for Worker Continuing Education only.

Renewing an Existing Certificate?

If you are renewing your certificate(s), you may have to take continuing education. The type of continuing education you should take depends on which lead certificate(s) you have. See the chart above.

- Continuing education must be taken every other time you apply for renewal.
- Your continuing education cannot be more than two years old when you apply for renewal.

Applying for Certification

After you finish your course, you must apply to CDPH separately for certification. You do not become automatically certified when you complete a CDPH-approved course. The course “certificate” that your training provider may give you is not the same as a CDPH certificate. If you have not done so already, get the [Application Forms and Instructions](#) to apply for or renew your certificate.

EPA LEAD RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND PAINTING:

Accrediting agency = Federal EPA

Fed EPA website regarding RRP = <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

Initial certification (8-hours) and refresher certification (4-hours) are valid for 5 years. You may be eligible to attend the refresher training, without ever attending the initial training, by being grandfathered in based on prior lead training you have attended. Please visit this link (about the middle of the page) to find out if any or your prior training qualifies you for the refresher course <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/trainerinstructions.htm#refresher>

You are required to apply to renew your certification every 5 years, by attending the refresher certification course.

Important item to note regarding EPA RRP Certification: In order to be in compliance, you must complete the EPA RRP training requirement and you have to have registered your company with the Federal EPA. To register your company you need to fill out an application and mail it to the Fed EPA. Please visit this link for the application <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>.

HAZWOPER:

Governing agency = Cal/OSHA

Regulation = §5192 (e)(8)

HAZWOPER certificates are valid for one year from the last day of your initial or refresher course. In addition, you have a 1 year grace period following the expiration date of your certificate. During this grace period you may renew your training by taking the 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher Course, however, you may NOT perform within the discipline during your grace period. If you go one day beyond your grace period, your training becomes null and void and you must attend the initial course again.

If you want to sign-up for a refresher/continuing education course, visit our website for easy sign-up at <http://www.cal-inc.com/training/classes.php> or give us a call at 1-800-359-4467 and ask to speak with a training coordinator.