



Asbestos 101

September 2016

NEW THIRD-PARTY EXAM INFORMATION . . .

We have recently posted the list of Asbestos Exam dates for 2017 on our website, www.mde.maryland.gov/asbestos. Also, as some of you have noticed we have streamlined the license making process with help from our new card printer, allowing us to often hand out licenses on the day of the exam. However, on very busy days we will be closing registration for the morning and afternoon exams at 9:45 and 1:45 respectively. This will allow us time to make sure we can get everybody's picture taken and increase the likelihood that we will be able to issue licenses the day of the exam. Please keep in mind that we will not always be able to issue licenses on the same day as the exam, but getting there early, registration starts at 8:30 in the morning and 12:30 in the afternoon, and/or preregistering for the exam will certainly increase the probability of such an event.

CLARIFICATION ON PRE-REGISTRATION...

Recently there has been some confusion between contractors, exam takers and MDE about what Pre-Registration for the Third-Party Asbestos Exam means and entails. In order to Pre-register yourself or an employee for the exam at MDE a completed registration form **with payment** and certificate must be sent into the Maryland department of the environment 15 days in advance of the exam. If you are preregistering before you have the certificate, mark on the registration form that you will bring the certificate on the day of the exam. If payment is not received with your registration form you will not be registered for the exam. If you are a contractor registering employees please inform your employees that they are pre-registered and they are to notify MDE staff that they are pre registered while signing in on the day of the exam. Additionally, if a person has been pre-registered and misses the exam they have been registered for they **do not** need to be registered again, they may show up for any following exam and explain to the staff that they are Pre-registered.

PROCEDURES FOR LOST PHOTO ID CARDS...

Anyone who has lost their photo ID card must make arrangements with our office and show proof of training and third-party examination. Call Jake Butler at 410-537-3926 to schedule an appointment to have your card replaced free of charge.

TESTING CORNER . . .

If your company is sending a group of 10 or more people to the upcoming asbestos exams, you must pre-register before the day of the exams. This means we need registration forms, training certificates, and payment at least 15 days before the exam test date. If you are preregistering before you have the certificate, mark on the registration form that you will bring the certificate to the exam. We will still accept walk-ins on the day of the exam but there are no guarantees on availability. If you are sending a group of employees covered under a single check please make sure all employees are present at the time of registration and payment.

TRAINING PROVIDERS . . .

We invite all Maryland licensed training providers to come to the MDE building in Baltimore for a meeting discussing changes in the Maryland third party exam, changes in the training provider application, and to address any concerns and questions you may have. The meeting will be on November 1, 2016 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Aries Conference Room at 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230. If you have specific questions you would like to have answered during the meeting please send them via email to elizabeth.fernandez@maryland.gov.

CONTRACTORS' CORNER . . .

We, in our efforts to go paperless, will send determinations and variances by email and will only follow up with a written letter when specifically requested. Similarly, we ask that all Notice of Intent to Demolish forms are emailed to demo.mde@maryland.gov, doing so will expedite the process and help us in our goal of reducing paper use. MDE will no longer approve or deny variances for emergency abatement projects. Also, as of December 21, 2015 the fee for a contractor's license has been lowered to \$625.00 for 3+ employees and \$0.00 for 1-2 Employees. Please note that we have changed our exam registration form and no longer require a passport photo, if you have not updated to the new form you can find it on our website, www.mde.maryland.gov/asbestos.