

**641—70.5 (135) Certification, interim certification, and recertification.**

**70.5(1)** A person wishing to become a certified lead professional shall apply on forms supplied by the department. The applicant must submit:

- a.* A completed application form.
- b.* A certificate of completion of an approved course for the discipline in which the applicant wishes to become certified.
- c.* If wishing to become a certified lead inspector/risk assessor or a certified elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor, documentation of successful completion of the manufacturer's training course or equivalent for the X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer that the inspector/risk assessor or elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor will use to conduct lead inspections.
- d.* If wishing to become a certified elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor, documentation of successful completion of 8 hours of training from the department's childhood lead poisoning prevention program. This training shall cover the roles and responsibilities of an elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor and the environmental and medical case management of elevated blood lead (EBL) children.
- e.* Documentation that the applicant meets the additional experience and education requirements in subrule 70.5(2) for the discipline in which the applicant wishes to become certified. The following documents shall be submitted as evidence that the applicant has the education and work experience required by subrule 70.5(2):
  - (1) Official transcripts or diplomas as evidence of meeting the education requirements.
  - (2) Résumés, letters of reference, or documentation of work experience, as evidence of meeting the work experience requirements.

*f.* To become certified as a lead inspector/risk assessor, elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor, lead abatement contractor, or project designer, a certificate showing that the applicant has passed the state certification examination in the discipline in which the applicant wishes to become certified.

*g.* A \$60 nonrefundable fee.

*h.* A person may receive interim certification from the department as a lead inspector/risk assessor, elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor, lead abatement contractor, or project designer by submitting the items required by paragraphs 70.5(1) "a" to "e" and "g" to the department. Interim certification shall expire six months from the date of completion of an approved course. An applicant shall upgrade an interim certification to a certification by submitting a certificate to the department showing that the applicant has passed the state certification examination as required by paragraph 70.5(1) "f." Interim certification is equivalent to certification.

*i.* Beginning April 22, 2010, lead-safe renovators must be certified by the department. A person who completed an approved course conducted by an approved lead-safe work practices training provider prior to January 13, 2010, must complete a lead-safe renovator refresher course to obtain certification.

**70.5(2)** To become certified by the department as a lead professional, an applicant must meet the education and experience requirements for the appropriate discipline:

*a.* Lead inspector/risk assessors and elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessors must meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Bachelor's degree and one year of related experience (e.g., lead, environmental health, public health, housing inspection, building trades).
- (2) Associate's degree and two years of related experience (e.g., lead, environmental health, public health, housing inspection, building trades).
- (3) High school diploma and three years of related experience (e.g., lead, environmental health, public health, housing inspection, building trades).
- (4) Certification as an industrial hygienist, professional engineer, registered architect, registered sanitarian, registered environmental health specialist, or registered nurse.

*b.* Lead abatement contractors must meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) One year of experience as a certified lead abatement worker.
- (2) Two years of related experience or education (e.g., lead, housing inspection, building trades, property management and maintenance).

*c.* No additional education or experience is required for lead abatement workers.

*d.* Sampling technicians must meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Associate's degree.
- (2) High school diploma and one year of related experience (e.g., lead, environmental health, public health, housing inspection, building trades).
- (3) Certification as an industrial hygienist, professional engineer, registered architect, registered sanitarian, registered environmental health specialist, or registered nurse.

*e.* Project designers must meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Bachelor's degree in engineering, architecture, or a related profession, and one year of experience in building construction and design or a related field.
- (2) Four years of experience in building construction and design or a related field.

*f.* No additional education or experience is required for lead-safe renovators.

**70.5(3)** and **70.5(4)** Reserved.

**70.5(5)** All agencies that perform or offer to perform elevated blood lead (EBL) inspections must be certified by the department. An agency wishing to become a certified elevated blood lead (EBL) inspection agency shall apply on forms supplied by the department. The agency must submit:

- a.* A completed application form.
- b.* Documentation that the agency has the authority to require the repair of lead hazards identified through an elevated blood lead (EBL) inspection.
- c.* Documentation that the agency employs or has contracted with a certified elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor to provide environmental case management of all elevated blood lead (EBL) children in the agency's service area, including follow-up to ensure that lead-based paint hazards identified as a result of elevated blood lead (EBL) inspections are corrected, and that lead-based paint activities will be conducted only by appropriately certified lead professionals. In addition, the agency must document that the agency and its employees or contractors will follow the work practice standards in 641—70.6(135) for conducting lead-based paint activities.
- d.* A statement that the certified elevated blood lead (EBL) inspection agency will maintain all records required by subrule 70.6(10).

**70.5(6)** Individuals certified as lead professionals must be recertified each year. To be recertified, lead professionals must submit the following:

- a.* A completed application form.
- b.* A \$60 nonrefundable fee.
- c.* Every three years, a certificate showing that the applicant has successfully completed an approved refresher training course for the appropriate discipline. The initial refresher training course must be completed no more than three years after the date on which the applicant completed an approved training program.
- d.* If a certified individual taking a refresher training course is also an approved instructor for that particular refresher training course and has access to the testing materials, the certified individual must take a refresher training course test supplied by the department in lieu of the normal refresher training course test.

**70.5(7)** The department shall approve the state certification examinations for the disciplines of lead inspector/risk assessor, elevated blood lead (EBL) inspector/risk assessor, lead abatement contractor, and project designer. The state certification examination shall be administered by selected community college testing centers in Iowa. A community college testing center shall set the fee for administering the state certification examination to each applicant and shall collect the fee from each applicant.

*a.* An individual must achieve a score of at least 80 percent on the examination. An individual may take the state certification examination no more than three times within six months of receiving a certificate of completion from an approved course.

*b.* If an individual does not pass the state certification examination within six months of receiving a certificate of completion from an approved course, the individual must retake the appropriate approved course before reapplying for certification.

**70.5(8) Reciprocity.** Each applicant for certification who is certified in any of the disciplines specified in this rule in another state may request reciprocal certification. The department shall evaluate the requirements for certification to determine that the requirements for certification in such other state are as protective of health and the environment as the requirements for certification in Iowa. For all disciplines except lead-safe renovator, if the department determines that the requirements for certification in such other state are as protective of health and the environment as the requirements for certification in Iowa, the applicant may be certified after passing a proctored test covering Iowa-specific lead information with a score of at least 80 percent. For a lead-safe renovator, if the department determines that the requirements for certification in such other state are as protective of health and the environment as the requirements for certification in Iowa, the applicant may be certified after signing a statement indicating that the applicant has read and understands Iowa-specific lead information provided by the department. Each applicant for certification pursuant to this subrule shall submit the appropriate application accompanied by the fee for each discipline as specified in 641—70.5(135).

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