

## **Q & A**

### **Application for Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician Registration**

#### **What is required for registration?**

A completed *Application for Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician* {add link to application} which includes two passport photos, and all proof of course completions and other documentation specified within the application as attachments.

Applicants must be 18 years of age.

All applicants for registration must have a current New York State Photo Driver's License or Non-Driver ID card. Anyone without either of these may have their photograph taken at a NYC Department of Motor Vehicles Office (NYS DMV). Read the NYS DMV Request for a photo Image instruction sheet. Check with DMV for acceptable proofs of identity before going to the DMV for photographs. Telephone or check the website at <http://dmv.ny.gov/forms/id44.pdf> for the *New York State Department of Motor Vehicles General Requirements for Proof of Identity*.

*If you do not have a valid NYS Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card with a photo, please include the 9-digit ID number assigned by DMV on your FS-6T receipt received when you obtained your Asbestos Certification.*

The non-refundable application processing fee to register as a master environmental hazard remediation technician is \$375.

#### **How do I submit my application?**

Mail or hand deliver all required information to: City of New York, Department of Environmental Protection, Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Flushing, New York 11373-5108.

#### **How will I receive my registration information?**

Once your application is reviewed and you are registered by the Department as a Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician, the DMV will mail an identification card to the address listed on your application.

#### **How do I locate a training provider?**

Asbestos Handling Training must be completed through a NYSDOH Accredited Asbestos Training Provider. Lead Worker Training must be completed through a USEPA Accredited Training Program. Instructors for OSHA Construction or General Industry Occupational Safety and Health Standards must be certified. Use the appropriate links in the table to locate an accredited training provider for these courses in your area.

Instructors must possess knowledge of the topics that will be taught, which may have been acquired through such means as relevant training or education or relevant field experience and the ability to effectively communicate the topics being taught.

The NYCDEP has received contact and course information from the following training providers:

Course Provider	Contact Information	Web Site	Courses
Big Apple Occupational Safety Corp.	505 8th Avenue Suite 2305 New York, NY 10018  Phone: (800) 718-8639	<a href="http://www.baos.com">www.baos.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the Construction Industry</li> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the General Industry</li> <li>• NYS Asbestos Handler</li> <li>• USEPA Lead Worker</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste Operations</li> <li>• Microbial Remediation</li> <li>• PCB Awareness</li> <li>• Bloodborne Pathogen</li> </ul>
Future Environmental Designs, Inc.	6800 Jericho Turnpike Suite 120W Syosset, NY 11791  Phone: 516 364-9671	<a href="http://www.futureenv.com">www.futureenv.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the Construction Industry</li> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the General Industry</li> <li>• NYS Asbestos Handler</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste Operations</li> <li>• Microbial Remediation</li> <li>• Water Damage Restoration</li> <li>• Fire Damage Restoration</li> <li>• PCB Awareness</li> <li>• Bloodborne Pathogen</li> <li>• Infection Control Risk Assessment</li> </ul>
Green Education Services	11 Broadway Suite 925 New York, NY 10004  Phone: 646- 564-3546	<a href="http://www.greenedu.com">www.greenedu.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the Construction Industry</li> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the General Industry</li> <li>• NYS Asbestos Handler</li> <li>• USEAP Lead Worker</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste Operations</li> <li>• Microbial Remediation</li> <li>• Water Damage Restoration or Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification Water Damage Restoration Certification</li> <li>• Fire Damage Restoration or Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration Technician Certification</li> <li>• PCB Awareness</li> <li>• Bloodborne Pathogen</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection Control Risk Assessment available upon demand</li> </ul>
TSC Training Academy, LLC	36-06 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101  Phone: (718) 389-2103	<a href="http://www.tscta.com">www.tscta.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the Construction Industry</li> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the General Industry</li> <li>• NYS Asbestos Handler</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste Operations</li> </ul>
The following organizations provide courses for their employees/members only. If you are an employee or member, contact the organization directly.			
Mason Tenders' Training Fund	42-53 21 <sup>st</sup> Street Long Island City, NY 11101  Phone: (718) 383-6863	<a href="http://www.mttf.org">www.mttf.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Safety Standards for the Construction Industry</li> <li>• NYS Asbestos Handler</li> <li>• USEAP Lead Worker</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste Operations</li> <li>• Microbial Remediation</li> <li>• 40-hour Combined Water/Fire Damage Restoration Technician</li> <li>• PCB Awareness</li> <li>• Bloodborne Pathogen</li> <li>• Infection Control Risk Assessment available upon demand</li> </ul>

**I am a training provider, how do I add my information to the table above?**

Contact us at (718) 595-3693 and request a copy of the Information Request Sheet. This information request sheet was sent to accredited NYS Asbestos Training Providers and USEPA Lead Training Providers in the NYC-area in late April and early May 2014 -so you may also want to check your e-mail.

**How much time does it take to complete the minimum training requirements for registration as a Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician?**

Local Law 3 of 2014 {add link to LL3/2014} specifies the minimum training hours for each course. You must complete each of the required courses in order to qualify for the Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician Certification.

According to the provisions, an individual must have satisfactorily completed all of the following programs or courses: occupational safety and health administration safety standards for the construction or general industry (minimum 10 hours ); New York state asbestos handler (minimum 32 hours); environmental protection agency lead worker (minimum 16 hours) (lead renovation, repair and painting course shall not be sufficient); hazardous waste operations (minimum 40 hours); microbial remediation (minimum 24 hours); water damage restoration (minimum 20 hours) or institute of

inspection cleaning and restoration certification water damage restoration certification (minimum 19 hours); fire damage restoration (minimum 16 hours) or institute of inspection cleaning and restoration certification fire and smoke restoration technician certification (minimum 14 hours); polychlorinated biphenyls awareness (minimum 4 hours); bloodborne pathogens (minimum 4 hours) and infection control risk assessment (minimum 4 hours). All course lengths are inclusive of breaks with the exception of the occupational safety and health administration 10 hour course.

### **How do I get information regarding available training dates and course fees?**

Contact the training providers directly for available training dates, course information, location, course fees, and payment and registration information.

### **I completed a number of these courses several years ago, do I need to repeat the courses to become registered?**

Yes and No. You do not need to repeat initial training classes if you have been maintaining the refresher training requirements set forth in the applicable rules, regulations, and standards. For example, if you completed the hazardous waste operations 40-hour course several years ago, you are not required to complete the 40-hour course again. However, you are required to provide proof that you completed the required annual refresher training.

If however, you have not completed requisite refresher or annual training, you must repeat the initial training course. The application form outlines what information must be submitted for proof of training.

### **What are the topics and requirements for each course?**

- (a) **Asbestos Handler Training Course:** An initial 32-hour or refresher 8-hour asbestos handler training course must receive NYSDOH accreditation in accordance with NYCRR Part 73 Asbestos Safety Program requirements.
- (b) **Lead Abatement Worker:** An initial 16-hour or refresher 8-hour lead worker training course must receive USEPA accreditation in accordance with 40 CFR Part 745 Subpart E requirements.
- (c) **10-hour OSHA Construction Industry Outreach Training:** A training course provided by an OSHA authorized construction industry outreach trainer meeting the minimum requirements set forth by OSHA's voluntary outreach training program.
- (d) **10-hour OSHA General Industry Outreach Training:** A training course provided by an OSHA authorized general industry outreach trainer meeting the minimum requirements set forth by OSHA's voluntary outreach training program.
- (e) **Hazardous Waste Operations:** An initial 40-hour or refresher 8-hour hazardous waste operations training course must comply with the requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120.
- (f) **Microbial Remediation:** A 24-hour training course with the following recommended model curriculum:
  - (1) Microbiology, identification of microbial contamination and case studies;
  - (2) Environmental assessment with particular attention to determining the scope of the project and HVAC systems;
  - (3) Hazard Communication;
  - (4) Potential Health Effects;
  - (5) Respiratory Protection and Personal Protection Equipment;

- (6) Remedial techniques including but not limited to work area preparation, creating negative pressure areas, controlling moisture, removal and decontamination, biocides, measures to prevent regrowth and case studies (should include hands-on activities); and
  - (7) Federal, state, and local rules and/or guidelines.
- (g) **Water Damage Restoration:** A 20-hour training course with the following recommended model curriculum:
- (1) Restoration principles, research, and practical experience;
  - (2) Environmental assessment of the type and amount of damage to affected surfaces and materials;
  - (3) Techniques for drying affected structures and surfaces including case studies;
  - (4) Recovery of materials exposed to water;
  - (5) Development of a restoration plan;
  - (6) Standards of cleaning and water damage restoration from clean and sanitary sources such as faucets;
  - (7) Standards of cleaning and water damage restoration from grey water having a level of contamination that may cause illness or discomfort;
  - (8) Standards of cleaning and water damage restoration from grossly unsanitary sources that may cause severe illness or death; and
  - (9) Federal, state, and local rules and/or guidelines).
- (h) **Fire Damage Restoration:** A 16-hour training course with the following recommended model curriculum:
- (1) Restoration principles, research, and practical experience;
  - (2) Environmental assessment of the type and amount of damage to affected surfaces and materials;
  - (3) Development of a restoration plan;
  - (4) Techniques and methods for smoke odor removal;
  - (5) Techniques for structure and surface cleaning and
  - (6) Standards of cleaning structures and surfaces, such as wood furniture, documents, books, and electronics.
- (i) **Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Awareness:** A 4-hour awareness training course with the following recommended model curriculum:
- (1) Overview of federal, state, and local rules, regulations, standards, and guidelines;
  - (2) Health effects and methods of monitoring, assessing, and preventing exposure to PCBs;
  - (3) Precautions for handling PCB-containing or PCB-contaminated building materials; and
  - (4) Abatement Strategies, engineering controls and waste disposal.
- (j) **Bloodborne Pathogens:** A 4-hour training course which satisfies the minimum training requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.1030.
- (k) **Infection Control Risk Assessment:** A 4-hour training course which includes an:
- (1) Overview of the process and importance of performing an infection control risk assessment;
  - (2) Available state-of-the art methods of reducing risk from infection during planning, construction, renovation, and remedial and maintenance activities;
  - (3) Work area preparation and isolation including protection of HVAC systems and water supply; and
  - (4) Federal, state, and local guidelines for protecting building environments from chemical, biological, radiological hazards.

**Is there an examination requirement for certification?**

A number of the courses have an examination at the end to demonstrate successful completion. Please check with your individual training provider.

**What is a certificate of completion?**

“Certificate of completion” means any license, certificate, diploma or other department approved documentation indicating that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the training. The certificate must include the name of the participant, title of the course, date(s) of training, and the name of the training provider or agency providing the certificate.

**How long is a master environmental hazard remediation technician registration valid?**

A master environmental hazard remediation technician registration expires four years from the applicant’s last birthday. Applications for renewal must be accompanied with updated training credentials and a \$375 fee for renewal.

**Does my master environmental hazard remediation technician registration replace my other certifications?**

No, registration as a Master Environmental Remediation Technician is a voluntary registration program and it does not replace any license, permit or certification required by any federal, state or local law or rules for the work referenced by such registration and a person who is not registered as a Master Environmental Remediation technician may perform any work otherwise authorized by law as if this program were not in effect.

Note, on January 29, 2015, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed a bill requiring that assessors and contractors in the mold remediation industry and their workers are properly trained and licensed. For information on the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Mold Program, please visit <http://www.labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/safetyhealth/mold/mold-program.shtm>. This site provides links to the legislation, the chapter amendment, the required training courses to obtain mold-related licenses, and the list of training providers approved by the NYSDOL to teach courses for Mold Assessor Training (32-hour course), Mold Remediation Contractor (24-hour course), and Mold Abatement Worker (16-hour course).