

Asbestos abatement training

Guide for training providers

This guide is for organizations planning to offer asbestos abatement training for the public. Use this guide to understand the application process to become a WorkSafeBC-approved training provider.

Application process

Any worker conducting asbestos abatement in B.C. must complete mandatory training. The purpose of training is to help keep workers safe from asbestos hazards. Training must be from a WorkSafeBC-approved training provider.

WorkSafeBC's Certification Services team reviews and approves applications to become an approved training provider in three stages: expression of interest, application submission, and review.

Expression of interest

The first step in being approved as an asbestos abatement training provider is to submit an expression of interest (EOI) by email to the Certification Services team (certification@worksafebc.com). In your message:

- Use "EOI for Asbestos Training Provider" in your subject line.
- Indicate in the body of your message that you want to become an approved training provider for asbestos abatement.

Once the Certification Services team receives your expression of interest, we will send you an EOI information sheet. Fill out this sheet and email it back to certification@worksafebc.com.

Application submission

The second step is to prepare and submit your full application. Based on the EOI information sheet, we will send you an application package that includes a [Provider application form](#) to complete and a [Submission checklist](#) that describes all the materials to submit. We will also give you a timeframe (about two months) to prepare and submit your full application package.

The asbestos certification program includes four levels:

- Level 1: Foundational Awareness
- Level 2: Asbestos Safety
- Level 3: Asbestos Safety Leader
- Level S: Surveyor Safety

If you plan to offer more than one level of training, you will need to submit a separate application package for each level. Your training program or course must be designed to address the core competencies and training requirements for the intended level. For more information about each certification level and updates about when to apply, see [For asbestos abatement training providers](#).

To submit your application package:

1. Complete the [Provider application form](#), which asks for an overview of your organization and training program.
2. Prepare electronic copies of all the required documents described in the [Submission checklist](#).
3. Email certification@worksafebc.com when your application is ready. We will then share instructions for how to send in your completed application package.

Application review

After you submit your application package:

1. We will confirm whether your application package is complete, and will notify you if anything is missing.
2. A WorkSafeBC working group will evaluate your submission. The group includes asbestos subject matter experts, industry experts, and education & certification specialists.. They will check that each core competency is explicitly mapped in the [Curriculum mapping template](#). They will also confirm all components are included and meet the approval criteria. These components include required training and testing materials, and details of how your training and certification program is administered and managed.

Note: The [Submission checklist](#) has more information about the documents to be included in your application package.

3. A Certification Services team member may take actions as part of the review process, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Inspect the training facility.
 - Inspect the practical skills testing environment (Level 2 certification only).
 - Take the course or observe its presentation.
4. We will provide feedback if your application does not meet the approval criteria. In that case, you will need to rework the application package and re-submit it.
 5. If your application meets all the criteria, the Certification Services team will approve it.

Post-application approval

Once your application is approved:

1. The Certification Services team manager will issue an approval letter detailing the conditions of your approval as an asbestos abatement training provider.
2. We will issue a services agreement, which you must agree to and sign to become a WorkSafeBC-approved training provider.
3. As an approved training provider, you will be added to the list of approved training providers published on the [Find training](#) page on worksafebc.com.

Note: Potential providers cannot advertise as a WorkSafeBC-approved training provider or do promotion for this work until the services agreement is signed.

For more information, visit our [Asbestos training, certification & licensing](#) pages.

If you have questions about the overall application and approval process, please email certification@worksafebc.com.