

MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Office

Subject:

Implementation of *Act 194-1990, Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act*

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By Direction of:


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This directive establishes policy, responsibilities, and procedures in accordance with the *Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act (Act 194-1990)*, for the accreditation of asbestos training courses and the certification of persons engaged in asbestos related occupations. Changes are indicated by marginal dots.

- 1. PURPOSE.** To establish policy, responsibilities, and procedures to ensure that all training school accreditation requirements of *Act 194-1990* apply to asbestos training courses provided by all commonwealth agencies and to ensure that all commonwealth employees engaged in asbestos related occupations are certified.
- 2. SCOPE.** This directive applies to all departments, boards, commissions, and councils (hereafter referred to as "agencies") under the Governor's jurisdiction. It is recommended that other agencies adopt similar policy and procedures.
- 3. OBJECTIVE.** To ensure that asbestos training courses provided by all commonwealth agencies are accredited and all persons engaged in asbestos related occupations are certified by the Department of Labor and Industry.

4. DEFINITIONS.

- a. **Accreditation.** A certificate issued by the Department of Labor and Industry permitting a person to conduct asbestos occupation training courses.
- b. **Asbestos.** The asbestiform varieties of serpentine (chrysotile), riebeckite (crocidolite), cummingtonite-grunerite (amosite), anthophyllite, actinolite and tremolite.
- c. **Certification.** A certificate issued by the Department of Labor and Industry permitting a person to work in an asbestos occupation, which includes a recent photograph of the certified person.
- d. **Training School.** All agencies that provide accredited asbestos occupation training for commonwealth employees engaged in asbestos related occupations.
- e. **USEPA.** United States Environmental Protection Agency.

5. POLICY.

- a. *Act 194-1990* provides for the accreditation of asbestos training courses and the certification of persons engaged in asbestos related occupations. *Act 194-1990* requires that any demolition, renovation, repair, construction, or main-tenance activity of any public or private facility that involves the repair, enclosure, encapsulation, removal, salvage, handling or disposal of any material with the potential of releasing asbestos fibers from asbestos-containing material be performed by a person who has been certified by the Department of Labor and Industry. These certification requirements apply to commonwealth employees engaged in activities covered by *Act 194-1990*.
- b. Commonwealth agencies must comply with the Department of Labor and Industry certification and renewal requirements.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. **Department of Labor and Industry** shall review all Applications for Asbestos Occupation Certification forms and either issue a certification or deny the application.
- b. **Agencies** shall:
 - (1) Ensure that all employees who are engaged in work activities covered by *Act 194-1990* are certified. Each employee who performs such activities must complete an Application for Asbestos Occupation Certification form.
 - (2) Determine if an employee should be certified to perform asbestos related work. Generally, if there is a potential of releasing asbestos fibers, then that employee must be certified.

7. PROCEDURE.

- a.** Obtain Applications for Asbestos Occupation Certification forms and forms for the accreditation of asbestos training courses from the Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety, by emailing CALBOIS@pa.gov, calling 717.772.3396 or visiting the Department's website at <http://www.dli.pa.gov> clicking on the "Services & Information for Individuals" link, then clicking on the "Asbestos Occupations Certification" link.
- b.** Submit all Applications for Asbestos Occupation Certification forms, including a copy of a valid course certificate with each application verifying that the employee has successfully completed an approved USEPA or PA approved asbestos training course, to:

Department of Labor and Industry
Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety
Certification, Accreditation and Licensing Division
651 Boas Street, Room 1606
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17121

This directive replaces, in its entirety, *Management Directive 205.27*, dated June 20, 2011.