

Georgia-Specific Lead-Based Paint Renovation Program
Georgia Certifications, Fees and Expiration Dates
Effective December 9, 2010

RENOVATION ACTIVITIES						
Certification	Education & Experience Required Before Initial Training	Initial Training	Fee	Expiration Date	Renewal Expiration	Refresher Training
Renovation Firm	None	None	\$125 for 1 Year or \$300 for 3 Years	Either 1 year or 3 Years after date of Issuance	Either 1 year or 3 years after expiration date	None
<p>Georgia EPD requires GA certification of all Renovation Firms; however, Renovation Firms who received EPA certification prior to December 9, 2010 will be recognized for 5 years after the date of EPA issuance.</p> <p>Renovation Firms agree to have either a Renovator and/or a Dust Sampling Technician employed when conducting renovation activities on pre-1978 target housing or child-occupied facilities; however, they do not need to have a Renovator or Dust Sampling Technician employed when applying for certification.</p>						
Renovator	None	8-Hour Initial Renovator Course from a GA accredited training provider	\$150 for 3 Years	3 years after date of training	3 years after current expiration date	Every 3 years – 4-Hour Refresher Renovator Course
Dust Sampling Technician	None	8-Hour Initial Dust Sampling Technician Course from a GA accredited training provider	\$150 for 1 Year or \$275 for 2 Years	2 years after date of training	Either 1 year or 2 years after date of training depending on fee paid	Every 2 years – 4-Hour Refresher Dust Sampling Technician Course
<p>Georgia EPD requires GA certification of all Renovators and Dust Sampling Technicians.</p> <p>Georgia EPD shall recognize only certifications for Renovators who received Initial Renovator training from an EPA or EPA-authorized training provider prior to December 9, 2010 for 5 years after the date of training. All Renovators must take the Initial Renovator course for initial Georgia certification. Georgia only accepts Renewal training following Initial Renovator training. Georgia will not accept Lead-Safe Work Practice courses or other courses EPA allows to meet Georgia certification requirements.</p>						
<p>Georgia EPD shall recognize the following training programs for certification purposes of attendees for the Initial Renovator and Initial Dust Sampling Technician courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training courses taught prior to May 31, 2011 by training providers accredited by the U.S. EPA or a U.S. EPA authorized state, tribe or territory, • Training providers accredited by Georgia EPD after May 31, 2011. 						
<p>Renovators and Dust Sampling Technicians who do not complete refresher training by the training expiration date may pay \$300 for a 12-month provisional certification. Refresher training must be completed before the expiration of the provisional certificate to avoid taking the Initial course.</p>						
<p>Renovators and Dust Sampling Technicians agree to work for a Certified Renovation Firm when conducting renovation activities on pre-1978 target housing or child-occupied facilities. They can apply for certification before becoming employed by a certified renovation firm.</p>						

Summary of Regulated Renovation Activities Differences of Georgia Requirements and EPA Requirements

Georgia Regulated Child-Occupied Facilities

Georgia will regulate “child-occupied facilities” for the renovation activities in the same manner as the Georgia lead-based paint activities. In Georgia, “**Child-occupied facility**” means a building, or portion of a building constructed prior to 1978, visited by the same child, **six years of age or under**, on at least two different days within the same week (Sunday through Saturday period), provided each day’s visit lasts at least three hours and the combined weekly visit lasts at least six hours. Child-occupied facilities include, but are not limited to, day-care centers, pre-schools and kindergarten classrooms. (EPA definition: children under six years of age)

Definition of “Disturb”

Georgia added the definition for “disturb” to clearly define what activities are regulated. “**Disturb**” means to break up, burn, crush, cut into, dissolve, sand, scrape, abrade, remove, demolish, or otherwise manipulate a painted surface in a manner that generates dust, paint chips, or debris.

Pre-Renovation Education Requirements

Georgia added the definition, “**Certificate of mailing**,” which means proof of mailing and proof of delivery of pre-renovation education materials. A certified renovator may use any package or letter carrier to deliver required documents as long as a proof of mailing and proof of delivery can be provided. Delivery is not restricted to only the U.S. Postal Service.

Renovators are required to distribute the EPA *Renovate Right* pamphlet before starting renovation work and receive acknowledgement of receipt to the following persons:

- Owner and occupants in target housing
- Owner of child-occupied facility or **in Georgia to the operator, manager or management representative** (not an adult representative as EPA requires)

Cleaning Verification Requirements

Georgia requires that the **window troughs** be cleaned and cleaning verification be obtained for both windowsills and window troughs.

Waste Disposal Requirements

Waste from renovation activities must be contained for storage and disposal to prevent releases of dust and debris from the work area. At the conclusion of each workday and at the conclusion of the project, waste that has been collected from renovation activities must be stored **in a secured container for removal or removed to prevent access to and the release of dust and debris**. (Georgia requirement in bold.)

Summary of Regulated Renovation Activities Differences of Georgia Requirements and EPA Requirements Discussions of October 5, 2011 Federal RRP Rule Revisions

Paint Chip Sampling

Georgia has not adopted the provision to allow renovators to perform paint chip sampling in Georgia. Only a Georgia Certified Lead Inspector or Georgia Certified Lead risk Assessor may conduct paint chip sampling for renovation projects in target housing and child-occupied facilities. All paint chip sampling reports are required to be part of the recordkeeping requirements for renovation projects.

Interior Vertical Containment

Georgia requires that 6 ft of plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material be used in interior work areas when space permits. A vertical containment may also be used but when used, it does not remove the requirement of maintaining the 6 ft perimeter of surface covering. The essential requirement is to contain the dust and debris within the work area.

Exterior Vertical Containment

Georgia requires that 10 ft of plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material be used in exterior work areas when space permits. A vertical containment may also be used but when used, it does not remove the requirement of maintaining the 10 ft perimeter of surface coverings. The essential requirement is to contain the dust and debris within the work area. From the Georgia Rules of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management, Chapter 391-3-24-.10((3)(b)2.(iv): *In certain situations, the renovation firm must take extra precautions in containing the work area to ensure that dust and debris from the renovation does not contaminate other buildings or other areas of the property or migrate to adjacent properties.*

Recordkeeping Requirements: On-the-job Training Requirements

The certified Renovator must provide training of the topics covered in EPA's pamphlet, *Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair, and Painting* as taught in the Renovator course. Also, the certified Renovator must perform job-specific training to the non-certified workers of the work practices that will be used on each unique project. Documentation of both training must be at the job site and in the project file in Georgia.

HEPA Vacuums

Vacuums used for both interior and exterior renovation projects must be HEPA vacuums. The HEPA vacuum must be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, including the manufacturer's filter change interval recommendations. The OSHA Lead in Construction standard also requires the use of HEPA vacuums whenever vacuums are used on lead renovation projects.

Initial Renovator Training Course

In Georgia, Renovators must take the Initial Renovator course for Georgia certification. The Refresher Renovator course must follow the Initial Renovator Course. Attendance at other Lead-Safe Work Practice courses or other EPA-grandfathered courses will not qualify for attendance at a Refresher Renovator course.