

1.09 ASBESTOS PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

- *Question: Do I intend to be an asbestos inspector, management planner, project designer, worker, foreign language worker or supervisor?*

Why do I need this approval?

The purpose of the photo identification card is to easily identify those persons who are properly accredited to engage in these six asbestos occupations – inspector, management planner, project designer, worker, foreign language worker and supervisor.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Environment Article §§6-401 and 6-417.
COMAR 26.11.23: Asbestos Accreditation of Individuals and Approval of Training Courses. These regulations were published as final regulations 9/16/91 and revised on 8/24/98 to comply with the requirements of EPA's Model Accreditation Plan. Those performing Operations & Maintenance activities as described in COMAR 26.11.21 Control of Asbestos are not required to have a photo identification card. The State added a 6th category of asbestos occupation – the foreign language worker for those who do not speak English. The training requirements, etc. are the same as for the worker who speaks English.

What is the process to get this approval?

Persons attending a Maryland-approved training course, who attend for the required time and pass the course exam, will be issued a photo identification at that time. For persons who have lost their card or who do not have an acceptable photo identification card, they will need to come to MDE headquarters on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 8 – 9:30 AM. They will need \$25 per discipline and must bring their current training certificate, in the original, not a copy.

If all requirements are met, they are issued a photo identification card at that time.

Are there any other requirements?

The photo identification card must be with the persons while any of these asbestos activities are being performed. The photo identification card is required for any of these activities in all public and commercial buildings, including schools in Maryland. There is not requirement for management plans in any buildings other than public and private schools.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

The same day.

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

Photo identification cards issued by the training providers expire one year after issue. The photo identification cards issued at MDE have the same expiration date as the training certificate that the applicant brings to our office. The photo identification cards must be renewed each year. There is no grace period.

How much will this approval cost?

The fee is \$25.00 cash or money order only (no personal or company checks) for those who obtain their photo identification cards at MDE.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

Asbestos Accreditation & School Assistance Division
(410) 537-3200

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