Georgia Lead-Based Paint Abatement Discipline – Just the Basic Facts

If you or your firm conduct lead-based paint inspections, risk assessments and/or abatement activities on:
Target Housing (built before 1978) OR Child-Occupied Facilities (schools, daycare center, etc. built before 1978),

Then you and your firm are required to:

1. **Apply to become a Georgia-Certified Lead Services Firm to “advertise to, agree to or perform” work or services on these types of facilities.**

IN ADDITION, prior to you or your firm beginning lead activities for target housing or child-occupied facilities (built before 1978) you are required to:

2. **Attend training from a Georgia-Accredited Training Provider for a lead discipline (Worker, Inspector, Supervisor, Risk Assessor, and/or Project Designer).**
3. **Pass the 3rd Party Exam (lead workers are excluded from the 3rd Party Exam).**
4. **Apply to become Georgia-Certified in a lead discipline through the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS).** If applicable, attach a color headshot photo, training certificate(s), work history/education documentation and/or the 3rd party certification exam letter(s) to the online application.
5. **Submit a “15-Day Advance Application for Notice to Proceed (NTP) for Lead-Based Paint Abatement Project,” if applicable.**

### Disciplines, Training, and Certification

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<th>Discipline &amp; Certification Fee/Year</th>
<th>Initial Training</th>
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<td>Lead Firm $350/yr</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>N/A; however, firms must only employ Georgia Certified employees to conduct lead-based paint activities &amp; must follow standards &amp; recordkeeping pursuant to 391-3-24-.06.</td>
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<td>Worker $25/yr</td>
<td>Initial: 2 days</td>
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<td>Inspector $150/yr</td>
<td>Initial: 3 days</td>
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<td>Risk Assessor (RA) $150/yr; (Combined Inspector/RA: $250)</td>
<td>Initial: 2 days *Must pass initial Inspector training Refresher: 1 day</td>
<td>Yes *Must pass Inspector Exam</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree &amp; 1 year of experience in a related field; OR an Associate’s degree &amp; 2 years of experience in a related field; OR certification as an industrial hygienist, PE, registered architect and/or certification in a related engineering/health/environmental field; OR a high school diploma (or equivalent) &amp; at least 3 years of experience in a related field.</td>
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<td>Supervisor $150/yr</td>
<td>Initial: 4 days</td>
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<td>One year of experience as a lead worker; OR at least 2 years of experience in a related field or in the building trades.</td>
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<td>Project Designer $150/yr</td>
<td>Initial: 1 day *Must pass initial Supervisor training Refresher: 4 hours</td>
<td>No *Must pass Supervisor Exam</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree in engineering, architecture, or a related profession, &amp; 1 year of experience in building construction &amp; design or a related field; OR 4 years of experience in building construction &amp; design or a related field.</td>
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- Certificates expire 12 months from the date of issuance or training expiration date (dependent on application date).
- Refresher training must be completed every 24 months from the last day of prior training.
- Renewal certification can be obtained in the 3rd year by paying twice the fee.

### How to Apply for Certification or Submit an NTP:

You must create a GEOS account to access the applications: [geos.epd.georgia.gov/ga/geos/public](geos.epd.georgia.gov/ga/geos/public).

### Need help creating your GEOS account?


Hardcopy or mailed applications are not accepted.

### Need Lead Discipline Training?

A list of Georgia-Accredited Lead Discipline Training Providers can be found at: [https://epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint-contractors-and-training-providers](https://epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint-contractors-and-training-providers)

### Technical Guidance

An overview of the Lead Program can be found at: [https://epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint-technical-guidance](https://epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint-technical-guidance)

### Contact Us

Duty officer line 404-363-7026 available Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:30pm or visit [epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint](epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint).

**ABATEMENT**
The permanent elimination of Lead-Based Paint and Lead Dust hazards.

**RENovation**
The modification of any existing structure that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces.