

Mandatory Certification for Type 3 Asbestos Abatement Work

As of November 1, 2007, workers and supervisors are required to be certified to do Type-3 asbestos abatement work or to supervise the work.

There are two certification programs:

- *Asbestos Abatement Worker*
- *Asbestos Abatement Supervisor*

The Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO) is one provider of these programs. See below for descriptions of the programs.

NOTE: Certification is not required for:

- Workers in Type 1 or Type 2 operations
- Workers entering Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3 work areas to perform work not related to the asbestos operation.

The workers that do not require certification must receive asbestos awareness training.

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

1. One of the following groups must **register workers and supervisors for an in-school training program** approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU):
 - Employers engaged in Type 3 asbestos work (Employers must apply to the MTCU for “signing authority” before they can register anyone in an approved program)
 - Joint local union/employer training committees
2. Complete the required training.
3. After completing the training you are eligible to take the worker or supervisor test. The tests are administered by MTCU and consist of 40 multiple-choice questions.
4. If you pass the test, the “signing authority” (e.g., the employer) must send the required paperwork to the MTCU, confirming that you have successfully completed the in-school program and the test. The MTCU will then issue you a Certificate of Completion.

5. For workers and supervisors experienced in Type 3 Asbestos Abatement:

- **You can take the asbestos worker or supervisor test until November 1, 2008 without taking the in-school programs, but first you must**
 - ✓ have at least 1,000 hours of experience performing Type-3 work before November 1, 2007, **and**
 - ✓ prove it by filling out an Asbestos Work Report Form 1. (For those from outside Ontario, fill out an equivalent document, or a letter on official company letterhead.)

- If you fail the test you will have to take an approved MTCU program
- Experienced workers and supervisors from outside Ontario can also take the tests without the in-school training but if they fail the test they will have to take approved MTCU in-school training.

For more details contact your local MTCU office. Call Employment Ontario at 1-800-387-5656.

For CSAO's training dates see the *Training Schedule* on this web site.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Asbestos Abatement Worker

Fee: \$600

Duration: 3 days

No pre-requisites

All workers, including construction tradespeople, who perform Type 3 asbestos work as defined in Regulation 278/05 under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, must successfully complete the in-school training component of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)-approved *Asbestos Abatement Worker (AAW)* Training Program. This course covers the mandatory in-school component of the program. Upon successful completion of the course, workers will be able to write the MTCU Asbestos Abatement Worker test administered by an MTCU-recognized Test Administrator.

All participants will be provided with a full-facepiece air-purifying respirator as part of the course fee.

Note: People who enter a Type-3 work area but do not perform Type-3 work are *not required* to complete the MTCU-approved Asbestos Abatement Program but employers are required by the Ministry of Labour to provide such individuals with asbestos hazard-awareness training.

Asbestos Abatement Supervisor

Fee: \$150

Duration: 1 day

Mandatory pre-requisites for the in-school training component of the Asbestos Abatement Supervisor program:

- Certification in the MTCU *Asbestos Abatement Worker* program 253W, **and**
- Completion of the Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO)'s *Basics of Supervising* course **or** proof of completion of an equivalent formal construction supervisor course having a minimum duration of 16 hours lesson time.

Supervisors of those workers which include construction tradespeople who perform Type-3 asbestos work as defined in Regulation 278/05 under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* must successfully complete the in-school training component of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)-approved *Asbestos Abatement Supervisor* Training Program 253S **and** pass the MTCU *Asbestos Abatement Supervisor* test. This course covers the mandatory in-school component of the program requirements. Upon successful completion of the course, supervisors will be able to write the MTCU *Asbestos Abatement Supervisor* test administered by an MTCU-recognized Test Administrator.