



Frequently Asked Questions about the Rhode Island Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule

Rhode Island has supported a Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator Program since 2001. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized federal Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) regulations. Rhode Island certified that its program meets federal requirements, and the EPA delegated authority to Rhode Island to enforce the RRP Rule on April 20, 2010.

1. Q: With regards to the RRP, what is a “delegated authority” state?

A: A “delegated authority” state is a state that has applied and received approval from EPA to run a program to implement and enforce the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

To find the states that have been EPA authorized to enforce the RRP Rule themselves you can visit EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#authorized>.

2. Q: What is a “EPA run state”?

A: An “EPA run state” is one that has not applied for delegated authority to run the RRP Rule. In these states, EPA is the entity responsible for the RRP Rule.

3. Q: I took an RI-certified RRP course. Is my certificate good in other states?

A: YES. Your Lead Renovator certification is good in RI and in all EPA run states. For states that have received EPA authorization (<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#authorized>) to enforce the RRP Rule themselves, you would need to check their programs to determine if other requirements exist.

4. Q: Is my Rhode Island Lead Hazard Control Firm license valid in other states?

A: NO. You must get a state-specific license if that state has delegation of authority (like Massachusetts, for example). You must get the EPA firm license if the state is EPA run. You may need to get both EPA and individual state licenses if you want to work in states that are EPA run and states that have delegation of authority.

5. Q: I am an EPA certified training provider based outside of RI. Can I teach in RI?

A: To become an RI-certified training provider, you need to submit your course curriculum, a \$100 application fee, and a course fee of \$390 to the RI Department of Health for approval. The course curriculum must include all EPA-required material as well as RI specific material, including requirements for start work notification, maintaining a licensed person on-site at all times, and clearance by a licensed inspector/inspector technician. Students who have taken your course outside of RI are responsible to follow the additional RI requirements.

6. Q: I am an RI-certified training provider. Do I need to obtain EPA certification as well?

7. A: NO. Since Rhode Island is an EPA Authorized state, EPA certification is not required..

Resources

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- [Application and Renewal Information for Licensed Lead Professionals](#)
- [Information for Lead Hazard Control Professionals](#)