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APPLICATION FOR FIRMS
To CONDUCT LEAD-BASED PAINT ACTIVITIES

Important: This application form is a substitute for the letter required by 40 CFR §745.226(f)(2). Consult the instructions for firms applying for certification to conduct lead-based paint activities. Persons seeking individual certification should use the Application for Individuals instead of this form. Please fill out all sections. Type or print responses in black or blue ink only.

A. General Information

Select one of the following application types:

- Initial certification application
Re-certification application
Adding jurisdiction[s] to certification/amending certification
Replacement of a certificate

Official Use Only

For information on EPA and other Lead Programs, see: http://www.epa.gov/lead
Check to be listed on EPA's web site for:
Evaluation (inspection, risk assessment, clearance)
Lead Abatement

The fee you must pay depends on the number of EPA-run jurisdiction(s) in which you plan to conduct lead-based paint activities. A firm does not receive certification by discipline and your fee is not affected by the number of disciplines you select. See the fees schedule in the instructions to determine your fee. The total fee listed below should include fees calculated on any additional sheets.

1st EPA-run jurisdiction (pay base certification fee only) Fee: \$
(See the definition of EPA-run jurisdiction(s) and the fee example in the instructions.
For current listing of EPA-run jurisdictions, see www.epa.gov/lead or call 1-800-424-LEAD.)

Each additional EPA-run jurisdiction: Fee: \$
(List on additional sheets of paper and attach, as necessary. \$35 per jurisdiction)

Total Fee: \$

B. Applicant Information

Check here if you are a tribal government seeking certification as a firm.

Name of Firm:

Business Address:

Street Address, Suite Number (Please no P.O. Box) City State Zip Code

Mailing Address:

(if different from above) Street Address, Suite Number (Please no P.O. Box) City State Zip Code

Name of Attesting Individual:

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Firm's Phone #:

ext #: Attesting Individual's Phone #: ext.

Attesting Individual's E-mail Address:

C. Professional Certifications

Does the firm hold current permits, licenses, certifications, or registrations in the lead-based paint activity field in any state, U.S. territory, or Indian tribal land? Yes No

If yes, please fill in the following blanks, one line for each permit, license, certification, or registration held. Attach additional sheets of paper, as necessary.

Type of certification held State, U.S. Territory, or Indian tribal land(s) name Certification/Identification Number Date received

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D. Lead-Based Paint Activity Violations

Does the firm have any past, present, or pending lead-based paint activity violations of EPA, State, U.S. territory, or Indian tribal land(s) regulations? Yes No

If yes, please attach a written explanation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRMS APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION TO CONDUCT LEAD-BASED PAINT ACTIVITIES

Firms must apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be certified or recertified to perform or offer to perform lead-based paint activities in states, U.S. territories, and all Indian tribal land(s) in any one EPA Region where EPA implements the lead-based paint certification program. If EPA does not administer the certification program in an area where a firm wishes to work, the firm must apply directly to that state, territory, or Indian tribe for certification.

These instructions supplement EPA form 8500-27 (Rev 09/04), *Application for Firms to Conduct Lead-Based Paint Activities*. Please note that you must use a separate form for each application type.

How to Apply for Initial Certification

Firms can submit their application and payment on-line or by mail. To apply for certification as a firm, you must:

- To submit an application on-line, go to the following website (<http://cdx.epa.gov>) and follow the instructions for applying on-line.
- To submit your application to EPA by mail:
 - Complete, sign, and date EPA form 8500-27 (Rev 09/04). The form can be filled out by hand or by using a fillable form on your computer (<http://www.epa.gov/lead/firmapp.pdf>).
 - Calculate the appropriate fee using the fees schedule listed on the inside front cover.
 - Print "*Lead Program User Fees*" on the check or money order for the fee and mail it with your application to the following address:

U.S. EPA
Lead User Fees
P.O. Box 979072
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

How to Apply for Re-certification

Firms must be re-certified every three (3) years. To ensure that your firm will be re-certified before its current certification expires, you should submit a re-certification application well before the expiration date. If you apply after your certification expires, you must pay the full initial certification fee. For re-certification, complete all sections of the application and follow the mailing instructions described in the "Initial Certification" section of these instructions.

Amended Application

Amended applications must be sent to the following address:

U.S. EPA
P.O. Box 14417
Washington, DC 20044-4417

Replacement of a Certificate

To replace a certificate, complete only sections A (General Information), B (Applicant Information), and E (Certification Statement) of the application and follow the mailing instructions described in the "Initial Certification" section of these instructions.

Incomplete Application

If your application is incomplete, EPA will not process your application. If any components of your application are missing, your application will become inactive for a period not to exceed 30 days until the application is made complete. If you do not complete your application, EPA will return the application package. You may apply again with a complete package. Please call 1-800-424-LEAD to see if your application is complete.

Firms Completing Applications for Individuals

If the firm is assisting in completing applications for individuals who are applying for certification, please be aware of the following:

- Individual must have an address and phone number different from the firm's.
- Individual must sign and date the application.
- Individual's name, social security number, and discipline should appear on the front of the application fee payment (check or money order), even if it is hand-written, if the firm pays for the individual.
- EPA forwards all correspondence to individuals who have signed the application attesting to their willingness to comply with the work practice standards found at 40 CFR §745.227.
- EPA forwards copies of the individual's approval letter and certificate to the firm upon written request of the applicant; however, the approval letter, identification badge, and certificate remain the property of the individual.

Fees

The fee for applying for certification, re-certification, and other requests is listed in the following schedule. It is important that you:

- Calculate fee based on the number of EPA-run jurisdiction(s) in which you plan to operate (the number of **disciplines** you select does **not** affect your fee).
- Write your total fee amount in section A of the application, even if you attach additional sheets of paper listing additional EPA-run jurisdictions.
- Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**. Other methods of payment include wire transfer, electronic funds transfer, and, for government payers only, on-line payment agency collection (OPAC).

Fees Schedule

Description	Fee
Initial Firm Certification	\$550
Tribal Firm Certification	\$20
Firm Recertification	\$550
Tribal Firm Recertification	\$20
Multi-jurisdictional Certification Fee*	\$35 for each additional EPA-run jurisdiction**
Replacement Certificate	\$15

**Multi-jurisdictional certification applies to an applicant applying in more than one EPA-run jurisdiction.*

***An EPA-run jurisdiction includes an EPA-run state, a U.S. territory, or all Indian tribal land(s) in any one EPA Region. (For current listing of EPA-run jurisdictions, see www.epa.gov/lead or call 1-800-424-LEAD.)*

Fee Example

If your firm is applying for initial certification in two states and all Indian tribal land(s) in any one EPA Region, your firm is required to pay \$620:

Initial firm certification fee	\$550
One additional state fee*	\$ 35
All Indian tribes in one EPA Region fee*	<u>\$ 35</u>
Total Amount Due:	\$620

**Each certification request includes the fee for one EPA-run jurisdiction.*

EPA's Certification Fees Refund Policy

Firms having submitted an application and associated fees for certification or re-certification who wish to withdraw their application prior to Agency approval will receive a fee refund based upon the schedule listed below. **Firms who request a refund more than 10 days after the Agency receives the application will not receive a 100 percent refund.**

Number of Days Following Agency Receipt of Application	Percent Reimbursable (based upon total fees submitted)
up to 10 days	100%
11 to 60 days	75%
61 to 120 days	50%
121 or more days	25%

Note: Refunds will only be made after EPA verifies fee receipt and deposit by the U.S. Treasury.

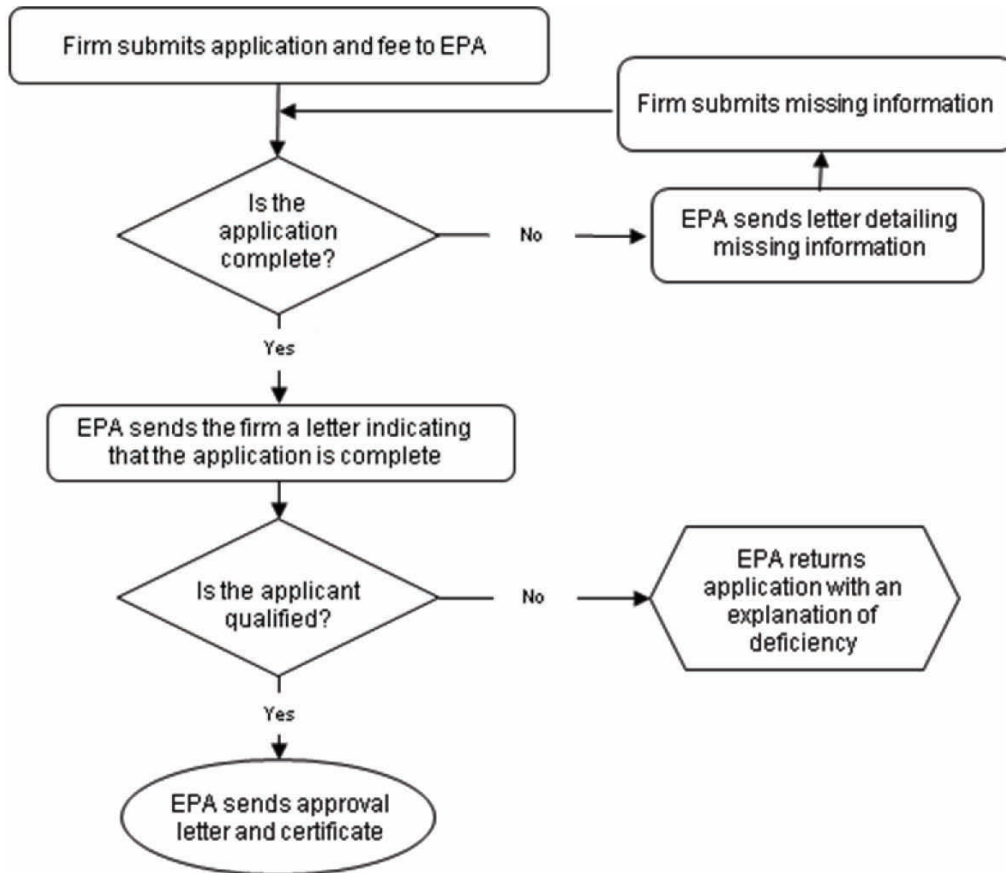
Firms must notify the Agency in writing in order to qualify for a refund. The date of withdrawal is the date on which the Agency received the withdrawal notification.

EPA will not refund fees after granting a firm certification or re-certification. If your application is disapproved, EPA will not refund fees.

Refunds are not available for replacing a certificate.

Application Process for Firm Certification

EPA processes applications on a first-come, first-served basis. The following flowchart depicts the application process for firm certification. EPA has up to 90 days after receiving a complete request for certification to approve or disapprove the application.



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