
Mold Remediation and Inspection FAQs

*Frequently Asked Questions about
De-Regulation of Mold Remediation and Inspection Program*

WHAT DOES THE DE-REGULATION MEAN?

- As of July 1, 2012, no state credentials will be required for mold remediation and inspection activities.
- Mold remediation and inspection will revert to being an un-regulated profession—as it was before July 1, 2011, when the licensure program established by the 2009 General Assembly first went into effect.
- The regulatory board name will go back to the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors.

AM I GOING TO GET MY APPLICATION FEE BACK?

- The Board will refund the entire application fee (\$25) for issued and pending licenses.
- Please allow 12-16 weeks **after July 1** to receive your refund. Payments made by check will be refunded by check from the Treasurer of Virginia, mailed to the address of record on file with the Board. Payments made by credit card will be refunded to the card used (a check will be mailed if the card is no longer valid). Refund processing involves other de-regulated professions and is accomplished in batches, and we are not able to provide the status of individual refunds.

AM I GOING TO RECEIVE A REFUND FOR THE REQUIRED TRAINING COURSE?

- Individuals did receive training in exchange for the course fee, so education providers are not expected to refund those fees.
- The Board has no authority to require education providers to refund course fees.

WHY DID VIRGINIA DECIDE TO DE-REGULATE AFTER ONLY ONE YEAR?

- After a comprehensive review across state government, Governor McDonnell's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring (www.reform.virginia.gov) recommended de-regulation of the mold remediation and inspection profession.
- Unlike asbestos and lead abatement, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not regulate mold remediation and inspection. In light of the absence of national oversight and standards, the General Assembly determined Virginia's regulatory program is unnecessary and endorsed the Commission's de-regulation recommendation.

WHO WILL MONITOR MOLD REMEDIATORS AND INSPECTORS NOW?

- Numerous private industry associations offer voluntary certification for mold remediators and inspectors. Use the Internet to search “mold remediation certification” and “mold inspection certification” and learn more about private certification standards and organizations.

I THINK I HAVE A MOLD PROBLEM. WHO SHOULD I HIRE?

- The EPA offers an information guide for homeowners and renters on how to clean up residential mold problems, and how to prevent mold growth. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html>.
- If the moldy area is less than about 10 square feet, in most cases, the EPA advises you can handle the job yourself by following these guidelines: <http://www.epa.gov/mold/cleanupguidelines.html>.