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§16-35-10. Accreditation of lead abatement training courses.

(a) The director shall propose legislative rules establishing criteria and procedures for certification of training course curricula and examinations that shall ensure the qualifications of applications for licensure or certification as required in this article. To qualify for certification, a training course shall contain a combination of class instruction, practical application, and public health procedures of a length and content that, to the satisfaction of the director, ensure adequate training for the level and type of responsibility for each named certification category.

(b) All courses certified under this section shall be conducted by instructors whose training and experience is determined by the director to be appropriate for the subject matter being taught and the level of licensure category for which the course is designed. An approved initial course for any category of person engaged in lead-hazard reduction activities shall include all of the following, but not be limited to:

(1) Worker health and safety instruction no less stringent than required under applicable federal law and regulations;

(2) Instruction in the importance of safe work practices in promoting public health, and the importance of proper decontamination procedures in eliminating the risk of contaminating individual workers' home environment; and

(3) Instruction in the workers' rights and obligations under federal and state law.

(c) In addition to developing criteria for classroom instruction pursuant to this section, the director shall develop minimum criteria for hands-on training or on-site instruction. The criteria for certification of training courses shall include minimum trainee competency and proficiency requirements, evidenced through both written examinations and minimum skills demonstration examinations. Upon successful completion of an approved retraining course, the trainee shall be issued a certificate by the director or the accredited training provider under the authority of the director.

(d) All training courses must be recertified annually by the director. The director may establish by legislative rule, reasonable application fees for the accreditation of training courses and discipline examiners, and establish criteria for renewals of training course certification.

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