

Information Paper AR3

Approved criteria for a certificate to perform work to remove bonded asbestos containing material

Purpose

This information paper states the criteria an applicant must satisfy before applying for a bonded asbestos removal certificate (also known as a “B class certificate”).

Types of certificates

There are two types of certificates relating to asbestos removal work.

“A” class certificates cover all asbestos removal work. This means the holder of an A class certificate has the appropriate authority to remove friable asbestos containing material (ACM) as well as bonded ACM. These certificates are held by a business. The holder of an A class certificate must ensure the removal of friable ACM is **directly supervised** by a competent person.

“B” class certificates only cover work to remove 10m² or more of bonded ACM. These certificates **do not** authorise a person to remove friable ACM. B class certificates are held by individuals who are directly involved in the removal of bonded ACM.

However, if the removal of 10m² or more of bonded ACM is being undertaken by the holder of an A class certificate, it is not necessary for the persons undertaking the removal work to hold B class certificates as long as those persons are directly supervised by the A class certificate holder’s competent person.

Removal of all asbestos containing material (even less than 10m² of bonded ACM where a certificate is not required) must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *National Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition [NOHSC: 2002 (2005)]*.

Which Information Papers are relevant?

For A class certificates, refer to –

- *Information Paper AR1 – Approved criteria for a certificate to perform work to remove friable asbestos containing material*
- *Information Paper AR2 – Requirements for a competent person to supervise work to remove friable asbestos containing material*

For B class certificates, refer to –

- *Information Paper AR3 – Approved criteria for a certificate to perform work to remove bonded asbestos containing material*

Criteria for obtaining a bonded asbestos removal certificate (B Class certificate)

In order to be granted a B Class certificate to perform removal of 10m² or more of bonded asbestos containing material, an applicant must:

1. be at least 18 years of age; and
2. demonstrate to an authorised accredited provider or an approved RTO that they are competent to remove bonded asbestos containing material in accordance with the requirements of the *National Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition [NOHSC: 2002 (2005)]*.

How applicant may demonstrate criteria have been met for a B Class certificate

This can be achieved by:

- Being assessed by an authorised accredited provider or an approved Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and passing the mandatory exam; OR
- Being assessed by an authorised accredited provider or an approved RTO as holding all the competencies required for being a competent person to supervise the removal of friable asbestos containing material (refer to *Information Paper AR2 - Requirements for a competent person to supervise work to remove friable asbestos containing material*).

[View a list of authorised accredited providers and registered training organisations](#)

Application for bonded asbestos removal certificate

Applicants who successfully demonstrate competency must submit their application for a certificate within 60 days of being assessed by an authorised accredited provider or an approved RTO. The application must be accompanied by the relevant application fee and a certificate will be granted for a five year period.

At the end of the licensing term, certificate holders who wish to renew their certificates for another term will need to contact an authorised accredited provider or an approved RTO, demonstrate competency, and submit a new application.

Further information

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