



Bill 5 Implementation Updates WMABC Conference & AGM February 22, 2024

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Agenda

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Bill 5 Implementation Update

- On January 1, 2024 Bill 5 regulatory amendments came into effect
 - Asbestos abatement work including asbestos waste hauling can only be conducted by licensed employers with certified workers
- New and revised Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines were posted on Jan. 1, to support the regulatory amendments
- Major multi-channel media outreach with information and updates
- Licensing inspections will begin in early 2024
- All licensees are listed on WorkSafeBC's abatement license registry

Employer Licensing

- As of February 12, 2024
 - 421 Licenses have been issued
 - No volume related processing backlog

Find licensed contractors

As of January 1, 2024, asbestos abatement contractors must be licensed to operate in British Columbia.

This means you need to ensure that your asbestos abatement contractor holds a valid Asbestos Abatement Licence (AAL) before permitting them to carry out asbestos abatement work.

Verifying that your contractor is licensed	Licence status
Why your contractor needs to be licensed	For more information
Terms of use for the registry	

Verifying that your contractor is licensed

Our Asbestos Abatement Licence (AAL) Registry allows businesses, contractors, and homeowners to identify who is, or was, licensed to perform asbestos abatement work in B.C.

[Asbestos Abatement Licence Registry](#) ▶

You can sort the columns in the registry by clicking on the appropriate column heading (e.g., WorkSafeBC account number, legal name, or licence number) and looking for your contractor. You can obtain this information from the contractor.

Inclusion in the registry does not constitute an endorsement or referral from WorkSafeBC for particular licensees. We encourage you to take steps to choose an asbestos abatement contractor carefully. This includes:

- Using our registry to verify information from the contractor about their licence status. If your preferred contractor does not have their licence yet, encourage them to apply. For more information, see [Learn about licences](#).
- Obtaining an up-to-date clearance letter from WorkSafeBC prior to the start of any work. You may also wish to review insurance coverage requirements for homeowners.

Certification & Training

Levels of certification

- As of January 29, 2024, 4079 workers have obtained a certificate for asbestos abatement.

Asbestos Certificate	Number of Certificates
Level 1: Asbestos Safety	661
Level 2: Foundational Awareness	2275
Level 3: Asbestos Safety Leader	652
Level S: Surveyor Safety	491
Total:	4,079

Training Provider Support

- Certification Services has approved 42 training providers which are posted on worksafebc.com.
- Each provincial region has accessible in-person and online training for all asbestos training levels.

Next Steps

WorkSafeBC's Licensing Services will begin licensing inspections including:

- Documentation audits
- Licensing site inspections

WorkSafeBC's Prevention Field Services will continue to inspect asbestos abatement firms and make referrals where appropriate to:

- Certification Services for training and certificate holder issues
- Licensing Services for employer issues