# WorkSafeBC's Asbestos Certification Renewal Exams

**If you currently hold an Asbestos WorkSafeBC Certification, you will be required to renew it every 3 years. If you are approaching the 3-year mark and need to recertify, please carefully read through the information below:**

From WorkSafeBC's Website:

## How to renew your certificate

Once you get your certificate, it will be valid for up to three years. It then must be renewed to enable you to continue to do asbestos abatement work in relation to buildings.

You can renew your certificate by retaking and passing the appropriate exam from an approved training provider. If your certificate expires, you will not be able to do asbestos abatement work until you renew. You can renew within 12 months by retaking and passing the appropriate exam without also needing to retake a training program. If there have been changes in the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation or asbestos safe work practices since you first received your certificate, some additional training may also be required.

If more than 12 months have passed since your certificate expired, you must retake the full training program and pass the appropriate exam to be recertified.

Plan ahead to renew your certificate before it expires. Visit Find training and contact your chosen training provider to learn more about their asbestos abatement renewal and training offerings, including dates, location, and cost.

**If you have more than one level of certification**

If you have more than one asbestos abatement certificate level, you only need to renew the highest level and not the lower prerequisite level(s):

- If you hold Level 3, you do not need to also renew Level 2 and Level 1.
- If you hold Level 2, you do not need to also renew Level 1.
- If you hold Level S, you do not need to also renew Level 1.

**Starting September 17th, 2026, the BCCSA will begin offering renewal exams for expiring Asbestos Certifications (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level S).**

## Who is eligible to renew?

Any person who is certified by WorkSafeBC and whose certification will expire within 12 months, or which has already expired, is eligible to take the renewal exam. **If your certification has been expired for over 12 months, you must restart your certification from the beginning. This means taking courses, completing a practical skills assessment (if applicable), and successfully completing the WorkSafeBC certification exam.**

## How do I register for a renewal exam?

Navigate to our online Asbestos Control Training portal at https://asbestos.bccsa-services.ca and login to your account. Click the "Renew Now" button to initiate the renewal process.

## How much does a renewal exam cost?

The fee to take a renewal exam is $100 + GST.

## Do I need to retake the courses before I take my renewal exam?

No. Eligible candidates must simply take the renewal exam to renew their certification(s). It is not necessary to retake training courses.

## Where can I take my renewal exam?

Renewal exams are offered **in person only** in either New Westminster or Burnaby. View available sessions online in our Training Calendar.

## What do I need to bring to my exam?

Candidates must bring their WorkSafeBC-issued wallet card and government-issued photo ID to the renewal exam session. If a candidate does not have their WorkSafeBC wallet card or government-issued ID, they cannot proceed to the exam and must re-book and repay for another exam.

## How many times can I take the renewal exam if I am unsuccessful?

Candidates may take the renewal exam twice. If the candidate fails on the second attempt, they must retake all required training courses before proceeding to the certification exam.

### What if I want to retake the training courses before I take my renewal exam?

If you choose to retake the training courses prior to the renewal exam, you must repurchase all required courses in addition to paying the renewal exam fee. If you are unsuccessful after 2 renewal exam attempts, your certification will reset and you will be required to purchase and retake the courses again before proceeding to the certification exam. **No refunds will be provided.**

### Can I still take the renewal exam with BCCSA, even if I did my training with a different training provider?

Yes. If you did not take your training with BCCSA, you can still write the exam with us by following the steps below:

1. Create your account in the ACT Portal; https://asbestos.bccsa-services.ca/
2. Once your account is created, email a copy of your WorkSafeBC issued wallet card to asbestos@bccsa.ca
3. The BCCSA will update your profile to grant you access to the renewal exam

## For Organization Managers

### I'm an Organization Manager, can I sign my employees up for the renewal exams?

Yes. Organization Managers can manage the renewal process for employees who are within with their organization.

There are two options:

- **Organization Manager completes the process:** You can initiate the renewal process on behalf of your employee(s).
    - **Step one:** purchase the required Renewal Exam license
    - **Step two:** Click the users name to open their ACT portal account and click the "Renew now" button
    - Click the "Enroll Students" tab, and enroll the employee in an available exam session

    **OR**

- **Employee completes the process:** You can **assign** the Renewal Exam license key to the employee, allowing them to initiate the renewal (noted in the above steps) themselves and complete the renewal process through their own portal.

Regardless of who initiates the process, the employee must complete the required steps through their individual portal.

*Should you need further assistance, email our Asbestos Control Training team at asbestos@bccsa.ca*