

Mold-Related Services FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Will there be a Board of Mold-Related Services?

No, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation licenses and regulates Mold Related Services in the State of Florida.

2. Does the department have a website where the public can get information about the profession?

Yes; www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Doing Business With Us > Mold-Related Services.

3. What are the statutes and rules that govern the mold-related services Profession?

Chapter 468, Part XVI of the Florida Statutes and Rule 61-31 of the Florida Administrative Code.

4. Where can I obtain the laws and rules of the profession?

The laws and rules may be obtained on the department's website at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Doing Business With Us > Mold-Related Services > Statutes and Rules.

If you need further assistance, you may call the Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395.

5. What are the requirements to become a licensed Mold Assessor or Mold Remediator in the State of Florida?

This depends upon which method of licensure for which you are applying: initial licensure by examination, endorsement or grandfathering (ended March 1, 2011). The requirements are as follows:

Initial licensure:

- Mold remediators must have (a) 2 year degree in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or a related field of science from an accredited institution and a minimum of one year of field experience, **or** (b) a high school diploma or equivalent with 4 years of documented field experience.
- Mold assessors must have (a) 2 year degree in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or a related field of science from an accredited institution and a minimum of one year of field experience **or** (b) a high school diploma or equivalent with 4 years of documented field experience.
- All applicants must demonstrate documented training in water, mold and respiratory protection.
- Applicants must submit an application and fee to the department, pass a state approved examination, and submit fingerprints for a criminal background check.

Endorsement: Applicants licensed or certified in another state as a mold assessor or remediator with substantially equivalent licensing requirements as in Florida may satisfy the requirements for licensure by endorsement. The applicant must submit an

application and fees to the department, and submit fingerprints for a criminal background check.

Grandfathering: Based on [Section 468.8423, F.S.](#), the grandfathering clause ended on March 1, 2011.

6. Do I currently need a license to perform mold-related services (assessment or remediation)?

A license will be required after July 1, 2010; however, Florida Statutes provide that unlicensed activity will not be enforced until July 2011.

7. If my company does both Mold Assessments and Mold Remediations, will I be required to get two (2) licenses (one for Mold Assessor and one for Mold Remediator)?

Yes, in addition, please note Section 468.8419(1)(d), F.S., provides that an assessor may not “perform or offer to perform any remediation to a structure on which the mold assessor or the assessor’s company provided a mold assessment within the last 12 months.” Section 468.8419(2)(d), F.S., provides that a remediator may not “perform or offer to perform any assessment to a structure on which the mold remediator or the remediator’s company provided a mold remediation within the last 12 months.”

8. Will there be additional requirements by DBPR to have an “applicators” license if the mold remediator applies chemicals to contaminated surfaces during a remediation?

No, please see the definition of remediators as it allows the remediator to treat and do preventive activities.

9. What examination is given for initial licensure?

Assessors:

The department has approved the Council-certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE) examination, the Council-certified Indoor Environmental Consultant (CIEC) examination, or the Council-certified Microbial Consultant (CMC) examination offered by American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC) for purposes of **mold assessor licensure**. Applicants must achieve a passing grade pursuant to the requirements of the ACAC and Section 455.217, Florida Statutes.

Remediators:

The department has approved the Council-certified Microbial Remediator (CMR) examination, the Council-certified Microbial Remediation Supervisor (CMRS) examination, or the Council-certified Indoor Environmental Supervisor (CIES) examination offered by the American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC) for purposes of **mold remediation licensure**. Applicants must achieve a passing grade pursuant to the requirements of the ACAC and Section 455.217, Florida Statutes.

10. What happens after I pass the examination?

Anyone desiring to be licensed as an assessor or remediator in this state as provided in Chapter 468 Part XVI, Florida Statutes, who passes an approved examination, is of good moral character and complete the educational requirements should apply to the department for licensure.

11. The department denied my application. Are any of the fees refundable?

The application fee is non-refundable. The initial license fee is refundable. Denied candidates must make a written request for a refund to the Executive Director at the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Mold Related Services, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0783.

12. I lost my license. How may I obtain a duplicate?

You must submit a request in writing with a \$25.00 duplicate license fee to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, License Maintenance, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0783.

13. Can I change my address online?

Yes. Visit our website at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Renew/Maintain A License. You can also change your telephone number and email address here.

14. How can I change my address if I do not have a computer?

You may submit the change in writing or by fax to 850-488-8748:
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Central Intake Unit – License Maintenance
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

1. How may I obtain assistance on completing my application?

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact the department's Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395.

2. Where do I mail my application?

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Central Intake Unit
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0783

3. What are the fees for mold-related services applications?

- Application fee (active): \$125.00
- Application fee (inactive): \$100.00
- Licensure fee: \$200.00
- Unlicensed Activity fee: \$5.00

4. How can I find information about the fingerprint requirement?

To learn more about fingerprinting, please visit our [fingerprint FAQs](#).

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Will each mold assessor or mold remediator have to have their own Errors & Omissions and Liability insurance policies or can a company have policy that covers all employees and not list them each by name?

Each assessor or remediator will need their own coverage or specifically be named on the policy of the company.

- A mold assessor shall maintain general liability and errors and omissions for both preliminary and post remediation mold assessment insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

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- AA mold remediator shall maintain a general liability insurance policy in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 that include specific coverage for mold-related claims.

RENEWAL INFORMATION

1. How often do I need to renew my professional mold-related services license?

You must renew every even year by no later than July 31st.

2. How do I renew my mold-related services license?

A renewal notice will be mailed to your address on file with our office 90 days prior to renewal. Renewal fees may be mailed to the department or you may renew your license online at www.MyFloridaLicense.com or with a Customer Contact Center Agent at 850.487.1395.

3. I did not renew my mold-related services license on time. What do I do?

In addition to the renewal fee (\$200.00), you are required to pay a (\$100.00) delinquent fee. Please submit your renewal and delinquent fees to: the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Central Intake Unit, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783; online at www.MyFloridaLicense.com; or with a Customer Contact Center Agent at 850.487.1395.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. How many continuing education credits are required to renew my mold-related services license?

All mold-related services licensees are required to complete 14 hours of continuing education credits for renewal.

COMPLAINTS

1. If I have a complaint about a licensed assessor or remediator, who do I contact?

Contact the department's Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 or file a complaint online at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > For Consumers > File a Complaint against a Business or Professional.

2. I have a complaint about an unlicensed assessor or remediator. Who do I contact?

Contact the department's toll-free unlicensed activity complaint line at 1.866.532.1440 or file a complaint online at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > For Consumers > File a Complaint against a Business or Professional.

SPECIAL ISSUES

1. If I can't get a license on July 1, 2010, will I be able to work without a license?

The department's goal is to give professionals currently working as assessors or remediators an opportunity to apply for licensure prior to taking action on unlicensed activity. Current law, as amended by House Bill 713 (2010 legislative session), **delays unlicensed enforcement until July 1, 2011. Therefore, this delay will allow all initial applicants the necessary time to complete educational, experience and testing requirements for licensure.** In addition, this delay will enable affected parties to identify any unintended consequences of the new legislation and present solutions during the 2011 Legislative Session.

2. Is there a provision that would allow those licensed by the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) to perform mold related services as long as they stay within the scope of their current licenses?

Yes, Section 468.841 F.S., exempts persons from the provisions of Chapter 468, Part XVI, when acting within their authorized scope of practice as licensed under Federal, state or local codes or statutes. Any person acting on this exemption must **not** hold himself or herself out for hire as a licensed assessor or remediator or any title implying licensure under Chapter 468, Part XVI.

3. for the required general liability insurance, can the company have the insurance instead of the individual?

Yes, as long as the licensed individual is named on the policy.