



## Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors

### **Guidance Document: Training Variance to Qualify for Lead Inspector Licenses**

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#### **I. Background**

Regulation 18 VAC 15-30-52.F.4.a requires applicants for lead inspector licenses to have completed board-approved lead inspector training. Regulation 18 VAC 15-30-52.F.5.a requires applicants for lead risk assessor license to have completed board-approved lead risk assessor training **and** board-approved lead inspector training.

#### **II. Issue**

Applicants for a lead inspector license are able to get licensed as lead inspectors with current risk assessor training in bordering states. However, when these individuals apply for a lead inspector license in Virginia, they are required to take (or retake) the initial lead inspector training course because it has not been necessary to maintain it to continue working in the bordering states. Requiring a lead inspector applicant to take the **initial** lead inspector training when the applicant has maintained risk assessor training may be overly burdensome and unnecessary to protect the public. In addition, lead risk assessor refresher training courses include criteria related to lead inspectors, and lead risk assessors are authorized to conduct lead inspections.

#### **III. Clarification**

After considering the matter, the Board adopted the following guidance:

In lieu of meeting the training requirements of 18 VAC 15-30-52.F.4.a, an

applicant can meet the training requirements for a lead inspector license by providing evidence of successful completion of board-approved **lead inspector refresher training** along with evidence that the applicant has taken and maintained current **risk assessor training** (initial and all subsequent refreshers, as applicable). All other requirements for licensure must be met in accordance with the Board's Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations.

The variance for training in this guidance is for **initial lead inspector licenses only**. In accordance with Board guidance adopted August 12, 2009, ***refresher training courses must be specific to the discipline of license being renewed***. Thus, a lead inspector license can only be renewed with lead inspector training.