

Lead Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Lead Inspectors

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What do I need in order to become a Local Lead Inspector?

You must be one of the following in order to be an inspector: Risk Assessor, Lead Paint Inspector, or Clearance Technician. These are licenses issued by the State of Ohio.

Is there any specific license that is better to have?

No. The type of inspection that is required by the Toledo Lead Ordinance can be done by any of these licenses. While a Risk Assessor or Paint Inspector are more qualified and licensed for other lead related activities, even as a Clearance Technician you will be able to perform any activities the ordinance requires. The ordinance is essentially requiring clearance inspections for non-abatement work.

How much can I charge a person to inspect their house?

TLCHD does not set the price an individual can charge for inspections.

Is there a tentative timeline for training lead inspectors?

Yes. TLCHD has worked diligently with cooperation from the Ohio Department of Health to bring the clearance technician course to Lucas County. Classes are offered throughout the month of November and will be offered in December, January, and February, as needed.

Is there an expiration date for licenses?

All local lead inspectors are required to hold licenses through the Ohio Department of Health. A license through ODH is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance, with the exception of renewal applications received after the expiration date, which shall have a renewal date of 2 years from the expiration date of the previous license. TLCHD requires that local lead inspectors update their registration with the department every 2 years.

How much does it cost to renew?

The cost for renewal of licensure through the Ohio Department of Health is dependent on the type of license. With TLCHD, the cost is \$45.

Do I need to be a Lucas County or Ohio resident to be an inspector?

No. There are no restrictions on residency for becoming an inspector.



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How many inspectors are you looking to certify?

TLCHD has no definitive number of inspectors required, however it is estimated that upwards of 100 inspectors will be needed to accomplish the needed inspections.

How many seats are available in each class?

25

Does it go by units in a building? Or just per building?

Each unit must be registered. For example, a duplex would require two separate registrations to reflect the two unique property addresses.

What classes are you offering?

TLCHD is offering the Clearance Technician course. Please call 419-213-4100 option 3 for information on scheduling.

What is the cost?

For the Clearance Technician course through TLCHD, it will cost \$140.

To get an ODH license, do you need to take all 3 courses (Risk Assessor, Lead Inspector, and Clearance Technician)?

No. Each license does not require either of the other two.

Do you have to take the state test to be a clearance technician?

Yes. This is a licensure through the State of Ohio.

Do you have to take the class through TLCHD?

No. Individuals are welcome to search for other ODH-approved training providers at:

http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/lp_prev/lp_list1.aspx

Is the clearance technician an EPA registered class? What if I take/took it in another state?

The clearance technician course is Ohio's approved equivalent to the EPA registered course. Contact the Ohio Department of Health if you have previously taken this course or are planning on taking the EPA registered course in another state to determine reciprocity (ODH Contact: 877-NOT-LEAD).

What items need to be submitted to TLCHD to become a registered inspector?

A completed local lead inspector application and \$45 are required for registration. TLCHD staff will verify that the individual maintains the appropriate licensure.



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Does the class consist of all classroom instruction or is there outside hands-on experience?

The course is made up of a majority of in class instruction with hands on practice on conducting dust wipes.

Can City and County Inspectors sign up to be lead inspectors?

Currently the only inspectors restricted from registering as local lead inspectors are employees of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Do risk assessors and lead paint inspectors need years of experience?

To become a lead risk assessor, you must meet or exceed one of the following qualifications (<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/pdf/forms/hea5803.pdf>):

- Be certified, licensed or registered by the State of Ohio as an engineer or architect.
- Have a Bachelor’s degree and 1 year experience in lead, asbestos, other environmental remediation or construction.
- Have an Associate’s degree and 2 years’ experience in lead, asbestos, other environmental remediation or construction.
- Have a high school diploma or GED and 3 years’ experience in lead, asbestos, other environmental remediation or construction.

Do clearance technicians need years of experience?

No.

What exactly can a Lead Clearance Technician do?

Clearance Technician scope of practice:

1. A Clearance Technician is licensed to perform clearance examinations on non-abatement lead projects only.
2. A Clearance Technician shall not design, perform, prepare, or provide advice on:
 - a. Lead inspections;
 - b. Lead-based paint sampling;
 - c. Lead risk assessments, lead hazard screen risk assessments, or other lead assessment activities;
 - d. Lead abatement projects;
 - e. Pre-abatement plans for designed abatement projects;
 - f. Specifications for a lead abatement project; or
 - g. Lead abatement activities, lead-safe renovation or essential maintenance practices.
3. A Clearance Technician shall not perform a clearance examination at a residential unit, child care facility or school for the purpose of



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determining compliance with a lead hazard control order issued pursuant to rule 3701-30-09 of the Administrative Code.

Do the fees and applications apply to properties or units? (there are contradictions within the wording of the ordinance)

Units.

Does the ordinance give landlords/inspectors the right to touch tenants possessions

The ordinance does not change existing Ohio law including ORC Section 5321.05.

I have windows painted shut on a second floor. If I also drive a screw to make them permanently shut, do the wells have to be lead inspected? Could they be exempt?

If windows cannot be opened, there is no window well to inspect, however having a window that cannot be opened may be in violation of building or fire code.



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