Individual Licensing Requirements for Lead Activities

a) To conduct any lead services, including lead inspection, lead risk assessment, lead hazard screen, lead mitigation and lead abatement work and supervision, in a regulated facility in Illinois, an individual shall be licensed in accordance with the Act and this Section. To qualify for a license as a lead inspector, lead risk assessor, lead supervisor or lead worker, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

1) Be at least 18 years of age;

2) Submit the Department-approved lead training course certificate.

   A) The training course completed shall be for the discipline for which licensure is sought.

   B) Training course certificates are valid for 3 years from the date the applicant passed the approved lead training course examination.

   C) Training course certificates shall be renewed every 3 years by successfully completing a Department-approved refresher training course in the appropriate discipline.

   D) If 4 years have passed since the applicant passed the approved training course examination, the training course certificate cannot be refreshed. An applicant is required to complete the initial lead training course as required by this Section;

3) Submit a recent 1” x 1” photograph of the applicant for proper identification of the licensee. The picture shall have the printed name of applicant on the reverse side. The license will not be issued without an identification photograph;

4) Submit the appropriate completed application form provided by the Department;

5) Submit the required license application fee; and

6) For applicants seeking licensure as a lead inspector, lead risk assessor and lead supervisor, the applicant must meet the third party examination requirements of subsection (e) of this Section and Section 845.135 of this Part.

b) Fees for Lead Licensure, Renewal, Late Renewals and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses
1) Applicants for an initial lead license or renewal of an existing lead license shall pay an annual non-refundable fee as specified below:

A) Lead worker license – $50;

B) Lead supervisor license – $100;

C) Lead inspector license – $100; and

D) Lead risk assessor license – $100.

2) In addition to the annual renewal license fee, an applicant shall pay a non-refundable late fee of $25:

A) If a renewal application for a lead inspector or lead risk assessor license is received after January 1; or

B) If a renewal application for a lead worker or a lead supervisor license is received after March 1.

3) An applicant whose license has been expired for a period less than 3 years may apply to the Department for reinstatement of the license. The Department shall issue a reinstated license provided that:

A) The applicant pays to the Department the current license fee applicable to the discipline to be reinstated, in accordance with subsection (b)(1).

B) The applicant pays a non-refundable reinstatement fee based on the following:

i) Lead workers: $25 for each year the license has expired; and

ii) Lead supervisors, inspectors and lead risk assessors: $50 for each year the license has expired.

4) A license that has been expired for more than 3 years may be restored only by submitting a new application in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section.

c) All lead licenses expire annually in accordance with the following:

1) Lead inspector and lead risk assessor licenses expire January 31 of each year, except that a first-time license issued after October 31 and before January 31 shall expire the next following January 31; and
2) Lead worker and lead supervisor licenses expire March 31 of each year, except that a first-time license issued after December 31 and before March 31 shall expire the next following March 31.

d) Renewal of License. Any license issued pursuant to this Part may be renewed if the licensee submits:

1) The completed renewal application;

2) The non-refundable license renewal fee outlined in subsection (b)(1);

3) A recent 1” x 1” photograph of the applicant for proper identification of the licensee. The picture shall have the printed name of the applicant on the reverse side. The license shall not be issued without an identification photograph; and

4) A current certificate of completion from a Department-approved training course in accordance with subsection (a)(2) of this Section.

e) In addition to meeting the general requirements outlined in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, lead inspector, lead risk assessor and lead supervisor disciplines have specific training course requirements, examination and education and experience requirements as specified in this subsection (e):

1) To qualify for a license as a lead risk assessor, a person shall:

   A) Submit the training course completion certificates, including one of the 2 following combinations:

      i) An initial lead inspector training course certificate and any subsequent refresher certificates required to maintain accreditation as outlined in subsection (a) of this Section, and an initial lead risk assessor training course certificate and any subsequent refresher certificates required to maintain accreditation as outlined in subsection (a) of this Section; or

      ii) An initial lead risk assessor training course certificate and any subsequent refresher certificates required to maintain accreditation as outlined in subsection (a) of this Section, and a current Illinois lead inspector license;

   B) Possess one of the following combinations of education and experience:
i) A bachelor of science degree in engineering, or an environmental or health-related field; or

ii) A bachelor's degree in any discipline and one year of experience in a related field (e.g., lead, asbestos or environmental remediation work, or construction); or

iii) An associate's degree in any discipline and 2 years of experience in a related field (e.g., lead, asbestos or environmental remediation work, or construction); or

iv) A high school diploma (or equivalent) and at least 3 years of experience in a related field (e.g., lead, asbestos or environmental remediation work, or construction); or

v) Licensure as an industrial hygienist, professional engineer, architect or environmental health practitioner; and

C) Pass the Department's third party examination for lead risk assessor as required by Section 845.135.

2) To qualify for a license as a lead inspector, a person shall:

A) Submit the training course completion certificates, including an initial lead inspector training course certificate and any subsequent refresher certificates required to maintain accreditation as outlined in subsection (a) of this Section; and

B) Pass the Department's third party examination for lead inspector as required by Section 845.135.

3) To qualify for a license as a lead supervisor, a person shall:

A) Submit the training course completion certificates, including an initial lead supervisor training course certificate and any subsequent refresher certificates required to maintain accreditation as outlined in subsection (a) of this Section; and

B) Meet the experience requirements as follows:

i) One year of experience as a certified lead-based paint abatement worker; or

ii) Two years of experience in a related field (e.g., lead, asbestos or environmental remediation work) or in the building trades.
C) Pass the Department's third party examination for lead supervisor as required by Section 845.135.