



## COURSE IN CLASS B ASBESTOS LICENCE

### What is the Asbestos B Class certificate and when do I need one?

People at workplaces removing 10 square metres or more of bonded asbestos must hold a B class certificate (or bonded asbestos removal certificate). This is equal to about four standard sheets of plasterboard.

Bonded asbestos materials include asbestos cement sheeting, often called fibro, used in many Queensland buildings before 1990. The sheeting was used for cladding and roofs, and can often be found as backing boards in wet areas like kitchens and bathrooms.

An 'A' class licence, also known as an Asbestos Removal Business Certificate, is required to remove loose asbestos in any quantity. If you have an 'A' class licence, you do not require a 'B' class licence.

A person that is carrying out the removal of bonded asbestos is not required to hold a 'B' class certificate if the person:

- performs the work under a business that holds an 'A' class certificate; and
- is directly supervised by the 'A' class certificate holder's 'competent person'.

A 'competent person' for an 'A' class certificate is not required to hold a 'B' class certificate.

### Why is there a new asbestos licence?

Any tradesperson or other worker who is required to remove significant amounts of bonded asbestos material needs to know how to do it safely. The licence certifies this knowledge. Although a licence is not required to remove less than 10 square metres of bonded asbestos material, all asbestos removal work must be carried out to a national standard. It's the law. Queensland is the first state to wholly adopt national codes of practice for managing and removing asbestos, which is the most effective way of minimising the potential exposure to asbestos.

### How do I obtain a B Class licence?

To obtain a 'B' class licence an applicant (or employee of an applicant) has to demonstrate they are familiar with the practices and procedures for removing bonded asbestos material that are set out in the *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition* [NOHSC:2002(2005)] which is available at [www.ascc.gov.au](http://www.ascc.gov.au).

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Competency can be demonstrated by:

- producing a statement of attainment issued by a registered training organisation for a course which covers competencies for the removal of bonded asbestos material as set out in *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition* [NOHSC: 2002(2005)]
- passing an exam assessed by an authorised accredited provider or registered training organisation.

Applicants who successfully demonstrate competencies and pay the application fee of **\$55.10\*** will be granted a licence for five years. The 'B' class licence will be issued by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, through Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.

\*Please note: the fees may vary without further notice.

## Assessment

The assessment is a 30 question assessment, all multiple choices, and is open book. Therefore, it's advised that each applicant bring to the assessment a copy of the national code of practice. i.e. *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos 2nd Edition* [NOHSC:2002(2005)]

The applicant must get at least 27 questions correct (90%) to be deemed competent. The duration of the assessment is approximately 60 minutes.

If the trainee fails to achieve the 90% requirement the trainee will be deemed Not Yet Competent and will **NOT** obtain a Statement or an Asbestos B Class license.

The trainee will be given an opportunity to be reassessed at a future course.

## Course Fee

The cost for training and assessment of the ticket (price includes the \$55.10 payable to WHS Qld) is \$192.60 (GST Inclusive).

Please note: fees may vary without further notice.

## Age Limit

To be eligible for the Class B asbestos certificate a person must be **at least 18 years** of age. Each attendee must bring a drivers license to the course. If you do not have a drivers license please contact our office.

## Course Duration & Delivery Mode

- 4 hours (8:00am – 12noon)
- Face-to-face teacher-centred learning.
- Please consult the latest online *Krause Safety & Training Calendar* for course dates.

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## Further Information

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Phone: 1800 177 717 or 1300 369 915

Website: [www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/index.htm](http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/index.htm)

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