



The Department of State Health Services Asbestos Program administers the renewal of licenses and registrations for the following license and registration types: Asbestos Abatement Workers, Asbestos Abatement Contractors, Asbestos Abatement Supervisors, Asbestos Abatement Consultants, Asbestos Abatement Project Managers, Asbestos Abatement Inspectors, Air Monitoring Technicians, and Asbestos Abatement Management Planners ("Asbestos Licensees").

Asbestos Licensees must renew their license and registration every two-years pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §1954.201(a) and 25 Texas Administrative Code §295.35(c). In order to renew, Asbestos Licensees are required to submit a current annual refresher training certificate and a current physician's written statement.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a disaster proclamation, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas.

On May 15, 2020, I, John W. Hellerstedt, M.D., Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services, declared a state of public health disaster continues for the entire State of Texas due to the introduction and spread of the communicable disease known as COVID-19 in the State of Texas.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many of the annual refresher courses were cancelled and many physicians are not providing in-person physical examination of Asbestos Licensees. As a result, Asbestos Licensees have been unable to obtain the documentation required to timely renew their licenses and registrations.

Pursuant to the authority granted under Texas Occupations Code §1954.111(a) and 25 Texas Administrative Code §295.35(d), I hereby order that licenses and registrations of Asbestos Licensees due to expire during the Governor's declared disaster proclamation will now expire 6-months after the expiration date on the license or registration.



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John Hellerstedt, M.D.

Dated: May 20, 2020