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## Summary of AMS Certification Requirements *WHICH TAKE EFFECT MARCH 30, 2003*

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### Existing AMS Candidate Certification Requirements

☀☀ *To become certified as an existing AMS you must submit an application to the Division on or before June 30, 2003.* ☀☀

- Education: No additional requirement.
- Training: If the candidate met the qualifications of an AMS according to the 1996 Reg. 8 prior to March 30, 2003, then submit proof of **both 1 and 2**, below:
  1. Submit proof of **either A or B** as stated in the 1996 Reg. 8:
    - A. NIOSH 582/582E taken prior to April 1, 1993 **or** Colorado 3-Day AMS course taken after April 1, 1993 **and** a Building Inspector/ Management Planner, Project Designer or Supervisor course.
    - OR**
    - B. A 4-year college degree in industrial hygiene, a degree in environmental health with a major concentration in industrial hygiene, **or** the possession of a certified industrial hygienist (CIH) certificate given by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH), may be substituted for the above courses.

#### AND

2. Attend a 4-hour, AMS refresher course. This course does not have to be completed prior to making application to the Division.
- Experience: No additional experience is required.
  - Pass the Division-administered AMS exam.
  - An existing AMS who is not certified may perform any AMS activity without certification up until March 30, 2004.

### New AMS Candidate Certification Requirements

- Education: High School Diploma or GED.
- Training: Division-approved 4-day AMS course, which may be taken before, during or after the on-the-job experience. A CIH is exempt only from the air monitoring technique portions of the AMS course.
- Experience – on-the-job:
  - Perform at least 2 final visual clearances under the observation of a certified\* AMS.
  - Perform at least 2 final air clearances under the observation of a certified\* AMS.
  - Perform at least 80 hours of ambient/MAAL asbestos air monitoring under the supervision of a certified\* AMS.
  - Submit the signed on-the-job experience form to the Division.
- Pass the Division-administered AMS exam.
  - \* An existing AMS who is not certified may perform this activity without certification prior to March 30, 2004.

### Re-Certification for AMS

- Take an annual, 4-hour, AMS refresher course.
- Pass the Division-administered AMS exam.

### Reciprocity Candidate Certification Requirements

- Education: No additional requirement.
- Training: Provide documentation to the Division showing that you have been certified by another state to conduct Air Monitoring Specialist activities. The certifying state must have AMS certification requirements that are at least as stringent as Colorado's requirements.
- Experience: At least one year as a certified AMS.
- Pass the Division-administered AMS exam.

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