



Asbestos Removal Requirements

Following are requirements for the removal of more than 10 square metres of non-friable asbestos material. All Friable asbestos material must be removed by a licensed contractor.

1. Asbestos Licence

There are two types of asbestos removal licences. Class A which allows the licensee to remove friable and non-friable asbestos and Class B which allows the licensee to ONLY remove non-friable (bonded) asbestos.

Having an asbestos removal ticket is NOT a licence. We currently hold a Class A Licence.

2. Permit or Notification from Workcover

A permit application needs to be submitted to Workcover if the asbestos to be removed or disturbed is classed as friable and approval must be given before work can commence. This type of asbestos can only be removed by a Class A licensed contractor.

A Notification needs to be submitted to Workcover and approved if the asbestos is non-friable.

NOTE: The Workcover permit & notifications must be submitted and then **approved 5 days before any removal** work can commence.

3. Asbestos Training (non-friable/friable)

Employees of the asbestos removal company need to be competently trained in asbestos removal and hold a valid Friable/Non-Friable Asbestos Removal Ticket. The removalist must have the correct qualification suited to the type of asbestos earmarked for removal. Friable may remove all types of asbestos Non-Friable can only remove Non-Friable (bonded) asbestos.

4. Workcover approved supervisor

It is compulsory to have a Workcover approved person nominated under the license, supervising the removal.

5. Asbestos Removal Control Plan (ARCP)

As stated in the National Code of Practice – (How to Safely Remove Asbestos under point 3.5)

A licensed asbestos removalist must prepare an asbestos removal control plan (ARCP) for any licensed asbestos removal work they are commissioned to undertake. This plan details the methodology of how the removal work is to occur safely from setup to final clean up.

6. Asbestos Removal Clearance Inspection

As of the 1st of January 2013, All licensed asbestos removalists must ensure that, when the licensed asbestos removal work is completed, a clearance inspection of the asbestos removal area at the workplace is carried out as per Clause 473 of the Work Health Safety Regulations 2011; ref.(p312). A **clearance certificate must be issued to the client** for their own documentation purposes ensuring the work was conducted correctly.

7. Asbestos Pollution Liability (\$10 000 000.00)

This is a separate insurance to Public Liability.

8. High Efficiency Particular Arrestors (HEPA) filters on your vacuums

These filters are as the name suggests very efficient, 99.97%. The vacuum should be marked for "Asbestos Use Only". The industry standard for this type of work is the Nilfisk Vacuums. If the incorrect filter or vacuum is used when vacuuming, microscopic fibres can pass through the filter and be re-released into the air. This can spread fibres throughout the rest of your property.

9. Application of Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA) to completed work

PVA is basically wood glue. This is used to bind any microscopic loose fibres.

10. Council compliance letter on completion

This will sometimes be required by your local council ensuring that the asbestos has been removed and disposed of correctly.

11. Disposal docket for waste traceability

The waste generator is responsible for the waste, not the removalist, so it is important to have waste traceability for your records. Asbestos waste can only be disposed of at a facility that is licensed to accept asbestos waste.

12. Licensing Penalties

Carrying out, or directing or allowing workers to carry out, asbestos removal work without a current licence may be subject to a penalty of up to \$100,000.00 in reference to Section 43 of the WHS Act 2011.

P&D Envirotech Pty Ltd complies with all of the above. If you would like to confirm any of the above or licence details ring the Work Cover Asbestos Demolition Unit on (02) 8260 5885 or 131 050.

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