

**Current City of Philadelphia Lead Testing/Certification Requirements  
for Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)**

This info sheet has been developed to help FCCH operators understand applicable laws in Philadelphia Code CHAPTER 6-800. RESIDENTIAL LEAD PAINT DISCLOSURE AND FAMILY CHILD DAY CARE FACILITY LEAD CERTIFICATION (§ 6-814. Lead-Safe Certification for Family Child Day Care Facilities - [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/philadelphia/latest/philadelphia\\_pa/0-0-0-191361#foot-15-1](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/philadelphia/latest/philadelphia_pa/0-0-0-191361#foot-15-1)) that has been made effective after January 1,2020. This law applies to all properties built before March 1978. If the property was built after February 1978, the owner is exempt from lead-based testing however must submit documentation of proof that the property was built after February 1978.

	<b>Lead Safe Certification</b>	<b>Lead Free Certification</b>
<b>Definition</b>	Visual inspection of property has determined no deteriorated, flaking, chipping, peeling, chalking or defective paint. Interior lead dust wipe samples were collected, tested, and meet EPA/HUD clearance standards	Property has been tested with an XRF analyzer and meets the City of Philadelphia’s threshold for lead-based paint which is a reading less than 0.7mg/cm2.
<b>Length of certification</b>	This certificate is valid for four years if obtained after January 31, 2020	This certificate is valid indefinitely, does not expire
<b>Who must perform this?</b>	PA licensed lead inspector or risk assessor, or an EPA certified lead dust sampling technician with their corresponding EPA Firm Certification Number	PA licensed lead inspector or risk assessor
<b>Other considerations</b>	Certificate must be no more than 48 months prior to the date of the license application	N/A
<b>Listing of EPA certified testing companies</b>	<a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearch">https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearch</a>	
<b>PA Department of Health-certified lead abatement contracting firms</b>	<a href="https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Labor-Management-Relations/bois/Documents/LEDCONTR.HTM">https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Labor-Management-Relations/bois/Documents/LEDCONTR.HTM</a>	
<b>Where to upload certificates</b>	Results must be uploaded onto the Lead Certification Submission Site <a href="https://leadcertification.phila.gov/login">https://leadcertification.phila.gov/login</a>	

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