



Steps for Becoming a Maine Registered Air or Water Radon Service Provider and Maine Air & Water Radon Service Provider Proficiency Criteria

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Steps for becoming a Maine registered radon service provider:

1. Prove proficiency in your intended radon service area (see the information below).
2. Contact the Maine Radiation Control Program, Radon Section (11 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0011; 207-287-5698; 1-800-232-0842 in Maine only; radon.dhhs@maine.gov) for a registration application packet.
3. Review the law, rules, and other documents in the packet. If you are willing to comply with all the requirements in these documents, complete the registration application and submit the application, fees, and QA plan (or a request for a 3-month extension to submit the QA plan) as directed on the application. No QA plan is currently required for mitigators as they are expected to abide by the terms of the radon mitigation standard currently used in Maine, ASTM E 2121-03 (Standard Practice for Installing Radon Mitigation Systems in Existing Low-Rise Residential Buildings) and guidance specified in Maine radon service provider regulations.

Minimum criteria for proving proficiency in a radon service area:

For radon in **air Labs (including testers using direct read continuous monitors and electret readers)**, proof of proficiency will be certification as a radon analysis laboratory by a recognized radon certification program such as the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA-NRPP), or the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB); or passing a radon air proficiency testing through the Bowser-Morner Radon Calibration Laboratory. Also required is submitting a current quality assurance plan and standard operating procedures that follow or are consistent with the National Radon Proficiency Program Guidance on Quality Assurance (EPA 402-R-95-012, October 1997) Chapter 9. This document can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/radon/pdfs/rmpqa.pdf>.

For radon in **water Labs**, proof of proficiency will consist of providing proof that the Lab uses a standard method approved by US EPA or other method developed by national or international standard setting body. Also required is providing a copy of the current Quality Assurance Plan for radon in water measurements which shall include but not be limited to a description of and schedule for analysis of blanks, spikes (if possible), inter-lab comparative studies, and other criteria and calculations used to assess quality assurance. Additionally, proof of past and current successful participation in regular radon in water lab inter-comparisons shall be provided.

For radon in **air Testers** (home inspectors or other individuals providing radon testing services in the clients structure, including users of direct read continuous monitors and electret readers), proof of proficiency will be determined through successful completion of a recognized training course and passing a recognized exam. Currently all radon measurement operators training courses approved by NEHA-NRPP (at www.radongas.org/entry_level.shtml) and NRSB (at www.nrsb.org/nrsb-edu.htm) are recognized as acceptable. The only exams currently recognized are the NEHA-NRPP Radon Measurement Exam and the NRSB Radon Measurement Specialist Exam. A QA plan/SOP consistent with the National Radon Proficiency Program Guidance on Quality Assurance (EPA 402-R-95-012, October 1997) (available at www.epa.gov/radon/pdfs/rmpqa.pdf) must also be submitted.

For radon in **water Testers**, proof of proficiency will be determined through successful completion of a recognized training course, or proving that you have received training equal to such a course and passing an interim Maine radon in water exam. Currently the only two recognized radon in water training courses are the Eastern Regional Radon Training Center's Radon in Water course and Spruce Environmental Technologies, Inc's Radon in Water course (details can be found at the NEHA-NRPP and NRSB training web sites listed above). A QA plan/SOP consistent with the National Radon Proficiency Program Guidance on Quality Assurance (EPA 402-R-95-012, October 1997) (available at www.epa.gov/radon/pdfs/rmpqa.pdf) must also be submitted.

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For radon in **air Mitigators**, proof of proficiency will consist of completion of a recognized air mitigation course and passing a recognized exam. Currently all radon mitigator training courses approved by NEHA-NRPP (at www.radongas.org/entry_level.shtml) and NRSB (at www.nrsb.org/nrsb-edu.htm) are recognized as acceptable. The only exams currently recognized are the NEHA-NRPP Radon Mitigator Exam and the NRSB Radon Mitigation Specialist Exam.

For radon in **water Mitigators**, proof of proficiency will be determined through successful completion of a recognized training course, or proving that you have received training equal to such a course and passing an interim Maine radon in water exam. Currently the only two recognized radon in water training courses are the Eastern Regional Radon Training Center's Radon in Water course and Spruce Environmental Technologies, Inc's Radon in Water course (details can be found at the NEHA-NRPP and NRSB training sites listed above).

For any potential service provider, proof of successful completion of a recognized course shall be a copy of the training provider's completion certificate.

Proof of passing an exam shall be a copy of the notification of passing from the exam provider, which must include an indication of the number of questions required to pass the exam, a copy of your exam results, and a break down of your results in each topic area of the exam.

Registration fees are as follows*:

CATEGORY I

RADON LABS AND TESTERS:

Company Fee: \$150.00 per year

Owner of Company: No Fee (only one per company)

Registered Worker: \$150.00 per year

Supervised Worker (untrained laborer): \$75.00 per year

CATEGORY II

RADON MITIGATION CONTRACTORS:

Company Fee: \$75.00 per year

Owner of Company: No Fee (only one per company)

Registered Worker: \$75.00 per year

Supervised Worker (untrained laborer): \$50.00 per year

If your application is complete and correct, you will receive your notification of Maine Radon Service Provider Registration within a month from the time it is received by the Radiation Control Program, Radon Section.

*The Maine radon registration period is from October 1 to September 30. If you are applying for initial registration between April 1 and September 1, the fees are pro-rated by half. For example: if you are applying to be a radon mitigation contractor, and send your application on June 15, your fee for the rest of the registration period would be \$37.50.