

# Obtain clearance

A clearance exam might be required once the paint is stabilized.

1. Clearance examinations include both a visual investigation to identify paint chips and/or dust in the worksite and the collection and analysis of dust-lead samples.
  - Dust-lead samples are collected using a dust wipe of floor and window surface
2. Clearance sampling must be performed by an individual who is **authorized by** the EPA regulations
  - Lead-based paint inspectors, risk assessors, and sampling/clearance technicians may conduct a clearance examination
3. If the area of paint which was stabilized exceeds the de minimis levels, a clearance examination must be performed in each worksite/area where the work was performed.
4. If the area did not exceed the de minimis levels, no clearance is required.