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The call to apply for grants to remove asbestos in Catalonia is now open

On 19 December, the Waste Agency of Catalonia published Resolution TER/4547/2024, of 17 December, approving the regulatory bases that must govern the call **for aid for the removal, at source, of waste insulation and construction materials containing asbestos**, located in the territorial area of Catalonia of which we highlight the following new features:

What is this aid for and what is its objective?

Asbestos is a material that had historically been widely used in construction because it was very resistant to fire and heat. It was mainly used in roofs, insulation, pipes and car brakes. The problem is that when asbestos fibres are expelled into the air and breathed in, they can cause serious health problems, such as lung disease or even cancer.

Therefore, although it was used a lot before, **today it is prohibited or very limited in many places, as it is dangerous for people who are constantly exposed.**

The objective of the aid is **to promote and encourage the removal, at source, of asbestos-containing insulation and construction material waste, located in the territorial area of Catalonia, and the correct management of asbestos waste.**

Therefore, this measure is intended to ensure that in cases where asbestos materials must be removed, it should be carried out under optimal conditions, with the ultimate aim of improving the environment and minimising the risk that this material entails for public health.

Who can benefit from this aid and what does it consist of?

Owners of real estate containing asbestos elements from construction that promote its removal, whether natural or legal persons, public or private, or residents' associations, may **benefit from aid for the removal and management of asbestos waste.**

As for the amount of the subsidy for the economic expenses derived from the removal, transport and treatment of asbestos waste, this will be of a monetary nature, with a percentage of 100% of the invoices submitted and a maximum per square metre of asbestos cover according to the following scale:



MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE AMOUNT	
Asbestos covers up to 49 m2	2.000€
Asbestos covers from 50m2 to 99m2	40€/m2
Asbestos covers from 100 m2 to 499m2	30€/m2
Asbestos covers from 500m2 to 999m2	25€/m2
Asbestos covers over than 1000 m2	20€/m2

What expenses does the aid cover?

The subsidy **covers the costs of removal, transport and treatment of waste insulation and construction materials containing asbestos** and, where appropriate, auxiliary means.

In this sense, **eligible expenses are considered to be those that unequivocally respond to the nature of the subsidized activity** and are strictly necessary for this activity. Subsidised goods or services may not exceed the market value under any circumstances.

Specifically, the removal of asbestos from buildings is considered eligible, including the handling and removal of asbestos waste from construction carried out by companies registered in the Register of Companies at Risk of Asbestos (RERA), as well as its transport and treatment of asbestos waste by companies registered in the General Register of Waste Managers of Catalonia.

It should be taken into account that the expenses that can be subsidized are those that are incurred from the submission of the application until 24 months after the date of resolution.

Deadline to apply for the grant

The deadline for submitting applications in this call will be **from January 15, 2025 until the budget availability is exhausted and in any case until November 28, 2025.**

On the other hand, the period for justifying the expenses that can be subsidized is 27 months from the decision to grant them.

If you are interested in this grant, do not hesitate to contact us. Our team will provide you with all the information you may need.

Cordially

The BAa Team