

Certification Name: Board Certified Entomologist

Designation: BCE

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Major Requirements

Education: BS

Years of Experience: 13

Examination Required: Yes

Continuing Education Required: No

Maintenance Required: No

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What Is the Board Certified Entomologist Program?

ESA conducts a program that tests the knowledge and experience of practicing entomologists and certifies their professionalism. Those who participate and meet the requirements of the certification program earn the designation *Board Certified Entomologist* (BCE).

BCEs are required, through a strict professional maintenance program, to demonstrate current knowledge in entomology. Continuing education and adherence to a strict code of ethical standards are required for BCEs to maintain certification.

What Are the Requirements to Become a Board Certified Entomologist?

The requirements to become a BCE are as follows: an academic degree in entomology or a related science, experience as a practicing entomologist, a passing mark on a general qualifying examination, and a passing mark on at least one specialty examination.

The degree and experience requirements can be met in any of the following ways:

- Bachelor's degree plus 3 years' experience,
- Master's degree plus 2 years' experience, or
- Doctorate plus 1 year's experience

What If I Do Not Have All the Required Experience?

Become a BCE Intern! Intern status is available for people who meet the education but not the experience requirements for full BCE status. Interns must pass the general qualifying examination in entomology, and, after the experience requirements have been met, interns may become full Board Certified Entomologists by filing an application, passing a specialty examination, and paying the required fees.

For the general qualifying examination in entomology, you will need knowledge of the following: insect biology, insect physiological and morphological systems, entomological terms and definitions, the history of entomology; and basic characteristics of the major insect groups.

If you would like to become a BCE intern, fill out the application below and be sure to check "intern status." **Application and exam fees are waived for BCE interns.**

Do I Have to Be a Member of ESA to Become a Board Certified Entomologist?

No, BCEs do not have to be members of ESA. However, certification fees are greatly reduced if you are an ESA member.

Nonmember BCEs receive the *ESA Newsletter* and the *American Entomologist*. Also,

nonmember BCEs may purchase items in the *ESA Combined Publishers' Book Catalog* and *ESA's Entomology Publications Catalog* at reduced rates.

How Do I Show My Designation as a Board Certified Entomologist?

When you become a Board Certified Entomologist, you will receive a certificate of accomplishment, a copy of the BCE code of ethics, a certification card, a BCE logo decal, and a BCE lapel pin. In addition, you will be authorized to use the BCE designation after your name, listed as a BCE in the *ESA Membership Directory*, and included in the Register of Board Certified Entomologists maintained by ESA.

How Do I Apply to Become a Board Certified Entomologist or a BCE Intern?

Submit the application form below, and, under separate cover, send transcripts of your academic records to ESA at the address below. **Applicants for BCE intern status need not include any fees.**

If you are applying for BCE full status and prefer to send a check rather than use your credit card, print this page and send the application, your check, and your transcripts to ESA, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706-3115, Attn: BCE Program.

Application to Become a Board Certified Entomologist
or a BCE Intern

BCE status you are applying for:

Full BCE Status
 BCE Intern

Background:

Name: E-Mail:

Telephone: Fax:

Mailing Address:

Employer's name and address:

Are you an ESA member? Yes No

Certification Information:

Choose the specialty area(s) in which you want to be certified:

General Entomology
 Medical/Veterinary Entomology
 Pesticide Development, Analysis, and Toxicology
 Plant-Related Entomology
 Regulatory Entomology
 Urban and Industrial Entomology

Name as you wish it to appear on your certificate:

Include highest degree on certificate? Yes No

Degrees held:

Degree:	Date received:	Major:	Institution

Positions held within the past five years:

For each position, please include a brief description of duties, responsibilities, and activities. If you prefer, you may send your résumé as an attachment to an e-mail message; please write "BCE attachment" in the subject line.

Position:

Employer:

Description:

References:

Please provide the names and current addresses of two references who are familiar with your professional experience.

Name:

Address:

Name:

Address:

Name of a BCE to proctor your exam:

If you do not know any Board Certified Entomologists, write to BCE or call (301) 731-4535.

IMPORTANT: Additional documentation needed for application:

In addition to providing the information requested on this form, **applicants for both BCE full and BCE intern status must submit their academic transcripts.** Send these transcripts to **ESA, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706-3115, Attn: BCE Program.** Additional information and documentation may be requested by the Certification Board. Questions? Write to bce@entsoc.org or call (301) 731-4535.

Required fees must accompany applications (for BCE full status only):

	ESA Member	Nonmember
Application Fee	\$50	\$100
Specialty	\$65	\$75
Each additional specialty	\$50	\$50

Total:

Credit Card:

Account #

Exp. Date:

Confirmation of receipt:

Please send confirmation of receipt of this application to the e-mail address above.

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Minutes of the

The annual meeting of Board Certified Entomologists was called to order by Director

Board Certified Entomologists' Annual Meeting

Don Rummel at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 1996, in the Beckam room at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY, the site of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the *ESA Newsletter*.

Director Rummel discussed two letters that had been received expressing concern in the change in the BCE certification requirements to allow certification of highly experienced but non-degreed individuals. He reported that the BCE board thoroughly discussed the issues, and two paragraphs in the *BCE Handbook* were being rewritten to reflect this change.

Director Rummel discussed the status of the possible affiliation with the Certification Advisory Council (CAC), which was formerly ARCPACS. This is an affiliation where BCE might become involved in certifying an entomology category for the CAC in their certification program. He reported that ESA President Manya Stoetzel and Past-President Eldon Ortman had met with and had been in contact with the CAC group several times. Although the CAC is still in the formation period, a request for two representatives from ESA had been made. One member will be the Governing Board BCE liaison person, which is presently Larry Larson. ESA President Stoetzel had asked the BCE board to select a representative. George Teetes was selected and presented by the BCE board to ESA President Stoetzel as the second member.

Director Rummel asked Shripat Kamble, Chair of the Examining Committee, to report on the category exam validation status. Kamble stated that during the last year, the revised category exams had been sent out to a number of individuals in each category for validation. Several have been returned and now should be sent to the various PM&C category committees for finalizing the validation process. Director Rummel stated that the BCE board thoroughly discussed the exams in light of some returned comments and the previously-mentioned letters. He mentioned the board will be reviewing the exams and will begin to update the general qualifying exam and the urban/industrial exam. He stated that the BCE board was soliciting help through the ESA Governing Board section representatives to help to secure questions along with answers to use in updating the general qualifying exam.

Director Rummel reported that thirteen requests for BCE-Retired status were received, reviewed, and approved by the BCE board. Included are the following: Alfred Carl Avery, Jesse Cocke, Norman Robert Ehmann, Walter J. Gary, Eugene J. Gerberg, John W. Kliewer, William C. Nettles, Harold Don Newsom, Weldon Harrison Newton, Calvin Benjamin Spencer, Boyd Ellis Wickman, Charles Gordon Witherington, and Willard Hall Whitcomb.

BCE membership, as reported from the ESA headquarters in November, was as follows: 493 full members, 102 emeritus and retired, 17 interns, 2 non-ESA members, and 2 emeritus non-ESA members, making a total of 616 members.

Director Rummel thanked the many people who worked with him during his year as director. He then introduced and welcomed Charles Jackson as the director for 1997.

In his first duty as director, Jackson thanked and presented Past-Director Rummel with a plaque honoring him for his year of service as director.

Director Jackson made a few general comments about the BCE program and solicited help and ideas from the participants in order to make a more viable and credible certification program. Director Jackson then opened the meeting for an informal discussion. Several issues were discussed, ranging from membership to meeting attendance, etc. Several ways to increase member attendance and participation in the annual business meeting were discussed. Several thought a pertinent speaker on timely issue along with a small mixer for the membership should be tried. Director Jackson will try to pursue this format for next year's annual meeting in Nashville. Director Jackson then adjourned the meeting so attendees could participate in the ESA mixer.

The meeting started with 16 in attendance and ended with over 25 in attendance.

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