

**Certification Name:** Registered Environmental Health Specialist

**Designation:** REHS

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**Major Requirements**

**Education:** BS

**Years of Experience:** 0

**Examination Required:** Yes

**Continuing Education Required:** Yes

**Maintenance Required:** Yes

**Directorates**

Chief of Staff  
Environmental Health Engineering  
Occupational Health Sciences

**Programs**

Chief of Staff  
Environmental Noise  
Health Hazard Assessment

**Certification Name:** Registered Hazardous Substance Professional

**Designation:** RHSP

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**Major Requirements**

**Education:** BS

**Years of Experience:** 3

**Examination Required:** No

**Continuing Education Required:** Yes

**Maintenance Required:** Yes

**Directorates**

Environmental Health Engineering

**Programs**

Ground Water & Solid Waste  
Hazardous & Medical Waste Management

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**Major Requirements**

**Education:** AA

**Years of Experience:** 0

**Examination Required:** Yes

**Continuing Education Required:** Yes

**Maintenance Required:** Yes

**Directorates**

Environmental Health Engineering

**Programs**

Hazardous & Medical Waste Management

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**Certification Name:** Registered Sanitarian

**Designation:** RS

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**Major Requirements**

**Education:** BS

**Years of Experience:** 0

**Examination Required:** Yes

**Continuing Education Required:** Yes

**Maintenance Required:** Yes

**Directorates**

Chief of Staff  
Clinical Preventive Medicine  
Environmental Health Engineering  
Health Promotion & Wellness  
Occupational Health Sciences

**Programs**

Air Pollution Source Management  
Ambient Air Quality Management  
Behavioral & Health Team  
Chief of Staff  
Disease & Injury Control  
Education & Training Team  
Environmental Health Risk Assessment & Risk Communication  
Environmental Noise  
Evaluation & Outcome Team  
Fitness & Nutrition Team  
Ground Water & Solid Waste  
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# Credentialing for the *Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) / Registered Sanitarian (RS)*

The new REHS/RS examination is administered by NEHA under contract with the National Assessment Institute (NAI). This new test is comprehensive in nature and contains questions that are relevant to today's most pressing environmental health issues.

A new study guide to help prepare for the exam has also been prepared for the applicant. The study guide is available to members for \$149.00 and to non-members for \$179.00 ( plus \$12.50 shipping and handling).

**The credentialing information is divided into three major sections:**

- Eligibility Requirements
- Credentialing Maintenance
- Credential Fees

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An individual has the opportunity to become a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian by

- (I) meeting the eligibility requirements for registration by examination,
- (II) registration with "In-Training" status,
- or (III) registration without re-examination.

### I. NATIONAL REGISTRATION BY EXAMINATION

#### Track One

1. A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health from a college or university curriculum approved by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) or from a college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.
2. No experience is required.

#### Track Two

1. A post-baccalaureate degree (Master's or Ph.D.) in Environmental Health from a college or university curriculum approved by the EHAC or by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.
2. No experience is required.

#### Track Three

1. A Bachelor's degree which includes:
  - an algebra course or higher level math course.
  - 30 semester hours/45 quarter hours in the basic sciences, i.e., courses in biology, chemistry, physics, other physical sciences, or sanitary engineering.
2. Two or more years of experience in environmental health are required.

### II. NATIONAL REGISTRATION WITH "IN-TRAINING" STATUS

If you meet the Track Three education requirements, but do not yet have the required experience, you may apply for an "In-Training" status registration. Please follow the application instructions below. Upon passing the examination and attainment of the "In-Training" status registration, you will have three (3) years to acquire the necessary experience to transfer your registration to full-credential status. If you do not acquire the necessary experience in three years, your "In-Training" status will be dropped and you must take the examination again (see Track Three) to be awarded the credential.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you meet one of the eligibility tracks above, please submit:

1. a complete and notarized application (please call our customer service department at (303) 756-9090 to attain an application).
2. **official college transcript(s)** (photocopies cannot be substituted); please note on application if transcripts are being sent separately.
3. the application review fee (please see Fees).

### III. NATIONAL REGISTRATION WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION

All applicants who seek the distinction of becoming a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian without re-examination must meet one of NEHA's educational and experiential tracks described in Section I. In addition, the applicant must send or have sent to NEHA the following:

1. a completed and notarized application,
2. **official college transcript(s)** (photocopies cannot be substituted); please note on application if transcripts are being sent separately,
3. verification (original documents required) from the State Registration Board/Committee of "Registered Sanitarian" exam (current state registration with expiration date included). The total number of correct answers and total number of exam questions must be included.
4. application review fee (please see Fees).

### MAINTAINING YOUR CREDENTIAL

The continuing education of the environmental health work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain registered, an environmental health specialist/sanitarian must accumulate **24 contact hours of Continuing Education (C.E.) in environmental health every two years.** The NEHA Credentialing Board determines what continuing education activities are appropriate for health offered at our conferences, or similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations.

It is the individual's responsibility to advise NEHA of any continuing education experience by submitting a completed NEHA C.E. Approval Form with documentation. This enables NEHA to maintain up-to-date C.E. records at no additional cost to the NEHA credentialed professional.

### CREDENTIAL FEES

The application fee must accompany the application. The registration exam fee is due when candidates receive notice of approval to sit for the examination. The fees for candidates are listed below.

#### BY EXAMINATION

#### **REHS/RS Examination Fee and Application Review Fee**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$80
- NON-MEMBER = \$95

#### **"In-Training" Examination Fee**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$65
- NON-MEMBER = \$100

#### WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION

#### **REHS/RS Application Review Fee (non-refundable):**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$55
- NON-MEMBER = \$100

**Two Year Renewal Fees:**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$65
- NON-MEMBER = \$120



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- (II) registration with "In-Training" status.
- or (III) registration without re-examination.

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#### **I. NATIONAL REGISTRATION BY EXAMINATION**

##### **Track One**

1. A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health from a college or university curriculum approved by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) or from a college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.
2. No experience is required.

##### **Track Two**

1. A post-baccalaureate degree (Master's or Ph.D.) in Environmental Health from a college or university curriculum approved by the EHAC or by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.
2. No experience is required.

##### **Track Three**

1. A Bachelor's degree which includes:
  - - an algebra course or higher level math course.
  - - 30 semester hours/45 quarter hours in the basic sciences, i.e., courses in biology, chemistry, physics, other physical sciences, or sanitary engineering.
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### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you meet one of the eligibility tracks above, please submit:

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3. the application review fee (please see Fees).

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### III. NATIONAL REGISTRATION WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION

All applicants who seek the distinction of becoming a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian without re-examination must meet one of NEHA's educational and experiential tracks described in Section I. In addition, the applicant must send or have sent to NEHA the following:

1. a completed and notarized application.
2. **official college transcript(s)** (photocopies cannot be substituted); please note on application if transcripts are being sent separately.
3. verification (original documents required) from the State Registration Board/Committee of "Registered Sanitarian" exam (current state registration with expiration date included). The total number of correct answers and total number of exam questions must be included.
4. application review fee (please see Fees).

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### MAINTAINING YOUR CREDENTIAL

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### CREDENTIAL FEES

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- NEHA MEMBER = \$80
- NON-MEMBER = \$95

#### "In-Training" Examination Fee

- NEHA MEMBER = \$65
- NON-MEMBER = \$100

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### WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION

#### REHS/RS Application Review Fee (non-refundable):

- NEHA MEMBER = \$55
- NON-MEMBER = \$100

**Two Year Renewal Fees:**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$65
- NON-MEMBER = \$120

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# Credentialing for the *Registered Hazardous Substances Professional*(RHSP)'

The credentialing information is divided into seven major sections:

- Definition of a RHSP
- Eligibility Requirements
- How to Become Certified
- Precrator Information/Qualification
- The Examination
- Credentialing Maintenance
- Credential Fees

## DEFINITION OF A RHSP

A Registered Hazardous Substances Professional is an individual who carries out in a responsible manner proven techniques of a technical and administrative nature in a particular hazardous materials/waste management field.

Performance as a Registered Hazardous Substances Professional requires the application of appropriate principles, methods and techniques combined with experience and knowledge.

The Registered Hazardous Substances Professional functions in positions that involve testing, sampling, routine inspecting, and providing information on hazardous materials/waste practices, techniques and methods for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and eliminating environmental health hazards.

The RHSP works in a supervisory or managerial position over Registered Hazardous Substance Specialists and other workers to guide and direct their daily hazardous materials/waste management duties.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Track One:

#### Education:

1. A bachelor's degree in hazardous materials/waste from an accredited college or university or,
2. A bachelor's degree accompanied by an Associate of Science degree or a Certificate in Hazardous Materials/Waste Management from an accredited college of University.

#### Experience:

Thirty months(2.5 years)of experience in hazardous materials/waste management

### Track Two:

#### Education:

A bachelor's degree in environmental health from a university program accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council, or a nationally recognized accreditation body.

#### Experience:

Three years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.

### Track Three:

#### Education:

1. A bachelor's degree(and)

- 2. A graduate degree in an environmental science or a related environmental program.

**Experience:**

Three years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.

**Track Four:**

**Education:**

1. A bachelor's degree with major course work(30 semester/45 quarter hours) in the physical sciences-i.e.,biology, chemistry, physics,geology,etc.

**Experience:**

Four years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.

**Track Five:**

**Education:**

- 1. A bachelor's degree(and)
- 2. 50 hours of relevant continuing education over the last three years prior to application approval.

**Experience:**

Five years of experience in hazardous materials/waste management.

**HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED**

1.Complete and return the RHSP application with the following documentation:

- A. **Official College Transcript(s)**-no photocopies are accepted.
  - B. A detailed description of your hazardous materials/waste experience. Candidates must provide the names and addresses of three references on the application. At least two of the references should work full time in a field of environmental health. The three references may be contacted by NEHA to verify statements made in the application.
  - C. Proctor information/preferred exam site and date.
  - D. Application and exam fee.
2. The NEHA credentialing department will review your application.
3. Upon approval notification, your exam site and date are due

Each application will be reviewed and, if approved, the applicant and his/her proctor will be notified that the examination will be sent. Certification will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination.

**PROCTOR INFORMATION/QUALIFICATION**

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A QUALIFIED PROCTOR MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION. A qualified proctor shall be a person employed by/as one of the following (listed in order of preference below):

- Civil Service or State Merit System Personnel Department
- College Continuing Education Department (includes community colleges)
- Military Reservation or Base Testing Officer from the Uniformed Services
- Official State Registration Board
- Civil Service Continuing Education Dept.
- Corporate Continuing Education Dept.
- Person(s) approved by the NEHA Credentialing Department

**THE EXAMINATION**

The examination consists of 240 objective, multiple-choice questions. The exam takes approximately three to four hours to complete, and will be graded by the NEHA credentialing staff. The examination requires a 70% score to pass, and is broken down as follows:

- Federal Regulations- Standards, Intent, Enforcement/Due Process
- Toxicology- Dose Response, Definitions, Routes of Exposure, Categories of Toxins, Effects
- Sampling/Monitoring- Techniques, QA/QC, Chain of Custody, Monitoring Equipment, Safety/Person Protection
- Treatment/Disposal-Types/Proc.,Criteria/Standards, Siting, Facilities, BAT, Emergency Measures
- Risk Assessment/Risk Management- Hazard Identification, Dose Response Assessment,
- Exposure, Definitions, Difference RA/RM, Risk Characterization, Inference, Public Perception, Interagency Coordination, Epidemiology
- Public/Industry Participation- Communication Network and Plan(mediation, right-to-know, pitfalls), Public Media Communication(risk notification)

The examination draws from state-of-the-art information and encourages continuing professional development. It is designed to measure how well a person understands the principles and practices of hazardous waste/toxic substances management and related laws.

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### MAINTAINING YOUR CREDENTIAL

The continuing education of the environmental health work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain certified, a Hazardous Substances Professional must accumulate 24 contact hours of Continuing Education (C.E.) environmental health every two years or retake the registration examination. The NEHA Credentialing Board determines what continuing education activities are appropriate for maintaining registration. These activities may include NEHA'S own self-paced learning modules (*Hazardous Materials Management, Hazardous Materials Incident Response, Toxicology*) seminars, and workshops or technical sessions on hazardous waste and toxic substances offered at NEHA's conference, or similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations or agencies.

It is the individual's responsibility to advise NEHA of any continuing education experience by submitting a completed NEHA C.E. Approval Form with documentation. This enables NEHA to maintain up-to-date C.E. records at no additional cost to the NEHA credentialed professional.

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### CREDENTIAL FEES

Separate fees have been established for the application review and the certification examination. Both fees must accompany the application. Should your application be denied, only the examination fee will be refunded. The fees are listed below:

#### RHSP Application Review (non-refundable)

- NEHA MEMBER = \$25
- NON-MEMBER = \$50

#### RHSP Examination Fee (refundable if your application is denied)

- NEHA MEMBER = \$110
- NON-MEMBER = \$175

#### TOTAL:

- NEHA MEMBER = \$135
- NON-MEMBER = \$225

#### Two Year Renewal Fees

- NEHA MEMBER = \$55
- NON-MEMBER = \$105

These fees cover the administration and grading of the exam, preparing and mailing of certificates, and maintaining the registry at NEHA headquarters.

### EXAMINATION PREPARATION

NEHA's *RHSP Study Manual* has been carefully developed to help prepare the candidate for the RHSP examination. NEHA has created the following review tools.

#### RHSP REVIEW MANUAL

This manual is available for purchase as an exam preparation tool and stand-alone reference document. NEHA members may purchase the RHSP Review Manual for \$150; the non-member price is \$200 (please add \$12.50 shipping and handling to your order).

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# Credentialing for the *Registered Environmental Technician (RET)*



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## DEFINITION OF A RET

A Registered Environmental Technician is an individual who, in support of and under the direction of Registered Hazardous Substances Professionals, environmental professionals and scientists, carries out in a responsible manner proven techniques of a technical nature in a particular hazardous materials/waste management field.

Performance as an Registered Environmental Technician requires the application of appropriate principles, methods and techniques combined with practice and knowledge.

Under professional direction, the Registered Environmental Technician functions in positions that involve testing, sampling, routine inspecting, and providing information on hazardous materials/waste practices, techniques and methods for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and eliminating environmental health hazards.

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Track One:

Requires successful completion of a two-year A.A., A.A.S., or Certificate program in hazardous materials/waste management. With this level of education, there is no experience requirement.

### Track Two:

Requires successful graduation from a standard four-year high school or acceptable equivalency certification, and a minimum of two years work experience in the hazardous materials/waste field.

Candidates must meet either the education requirement under "A" or the education and experience requirement under "B".

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## HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED

If you believe you are qualified, the first step toward becoming certified is to complete an application and return it to the NEHA address listed on the home page. (Please call customer service at (303) 756-9090 to have an application form sent to you.)

The application form requests a detailed description of the jobs performed and the level of technical attainment and responsibility in each, as well as your educational achievements.

Candidates must provide the names and addresses of three references on the application. At least two of the references should work full time in a field of hazardous materials/waste management. The three references may be contacted by NEHA to verify statements made in the application.

Each application will be reviewed and, if approved, the applicant and his/her proctor will be notified that the examination will be sent. Certification will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination.

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### PROCTOR INFORMATION/QUALIFICATION

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A QUALIFIED PROCTOR MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION. A qualified proctor shall be a person employed by/as one of the following (listed in order of preference below):

- Civil Service or State Merit System Personnel Department
- College Continuing Education Department (includes community colleges)
- Military Reservation or Base Testing Officer from the Uniformed Services
- Official State Registration Board
- Civil Service Continuing Education Dept.
- Corporate Continuing Education Dept.
- Person(s) approved by the NEHA Credentialing Department

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### THE EXAMINATION

The examination is an objective, 150 question multiple-choice test designed to measure knowledge expected of two-year technical program graduates. The exam takes approximately two to three hours to complete, and will be graded by the NEHA credentialing staff. The examination requires a 70% score to pass, and is broken down as follows:

- Federal Laws & Regs.: generally 40 CFR Parts 260-271; 40 CFR Part 280; 49 CFR Parts 171-177; RCRA; HSWA and SARA
- Determination & Characterization of Haz. Wastes
- Sampling & Analysis Procedures & Interpretations
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Disposal Options & Restrictions
- Permitting & Record Keeping Requirements
- Short/Long Term Haz. Waste Management Responsibilities
- Mixed Wastes
- Proper Handling, Packaging, Storage
- Waste Treatment Technologies
- Transportation & Manifesting
- Personal Protection

The examination draws from state-of-the-art information as well as traditional subject areas. The questions are designed at the associate degree level of experience and will test your competency at the two-year college level. There are no trick questions; however, there are some that must be thought through to arrive at the right answer. All questions, including math problems, were selected to be as practical as possible.

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### CREDENTIAL FEES

#### RET Examination Fee

( includes \$20 non-refundable application fee )

- NEHA MEMBER = \$75
- NON-MEMBER = \$130

#### Two Year Renewal Fees

- NEHA MEMBER = \$35
- NON-MEMBER = \$60

These fees cover the administration and grading of the exam, preparing and mailing of certificates, and maintaining the registry at NEHA headquarters.

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### CREDENTIALING MAINTENANCE

The continuing education of the hazardous substances work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain certified, an Registered Environmental Technician must accumulate 12 contact hours of Continuing Education (C.E.) in hazardous materials/waste management every two years or retake the registration examination. The NEHA Credentialing Board determines what continuing education activities are appropriate for maintaining registration. These activities may include NEHA'S own self-paced learning modules (*Hazardous Materials Management, Hazardous Materials Incident Response, Indoor Air, and Toxicology*) seminars, and workshops or technical sessions on environmental health offered at our conferences, or

similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations.

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# Credentialing for the *Certified Environmental Health Technician (CEHT)*

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## DEFINITION OF A CEHT

A Certified Environmental Health Technician is an individual who, in support of and under the direction of Registered Environmental Health Specialists, environmental professionals and scientists, carries out in a responsible manner proven techniques of a technical nature in a particular environmental health field, or other function prescribed by competent authority.

Performance as an Environmental Health Technician requires the application of appropriate principles, methods and techniques combined with practice and knowledge.

Under professional direction, the Environmental Health Technician functions in positions that involve testing, sampling, routine inspecting, and providing information on environmental health practices, techniques and methods for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and eliminating environmental health hazards. Environmental Health Technicians provide technical support and assistance to environmental health professionals or other health specialists (health officer, sanitary engineer, health physicist, etc.)

Environmental Health Technicians coordinate sanitation and environmental health activities with the state health unit and community public health programs.

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

It is not expected that certification will alter the classification schemes within companies or government agencies, but the possession of a nationally recognized certificate would be immediately meaningful because it **does indicate the attainment of a certain minimum level of experience and/or educational background**. The fact that the certification process is purely voluntary should be most significant to employers and to Environmental Health Specialists with whom the Environmental Health Technician works in the team relationship.

Candidates must meet either the education requirement under "A" or the education and experience requirement under "B".

### A. EDUCATION

Applicant must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Graduation from a recognized two-year college program in an environmental health field (e.g., housing hygiene, air pollution, radiation health, occupational health, community noise, water and wastewater, solid wastes, milk and food sanitation, vector control).
2. Graduation from an applicable military technical school (i.e., environmental health, preventive medicine, or veterinary medicine).

### B. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

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**Applicant must meet one of the following requirements:**

1. Graduation from a standard four-year high school or acceptable equivalency certification.
2. A minimum of two years work experience in one or more of the fields of environmental health. College or equivalent technical training may be substituted on a year-for-year basis.

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**HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED**

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Candidates must provide the names and addresses of three references on the application. At least two of the references should work full time in a field of environmental health. The three references may be contacted by NEHA to verify statements made in the application.

Each application will be reviewed and, if approved, the applicant and his/her proctor will be notified that the examination will be sent. Certification will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination.

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**PROCTOR INFORMATION/QUALIFICATION**

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- College Continuing Education Department (includes community colleges)
- Military Reservation or Base Testing Officer from the Uniformed Services
- Official State Registration Board
- Civil Service Continuing Education Dept.
- Corporate Continuing Education Dept.
- Person(s) approved by the NEHA Credentialing Department

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**THE EXAMINATION**

The examination is an objective, 100 question multiple-choice test designed to measure knowledge expected of two-year technical program graduates. The exam takes approximately two to three hours to complete, and will be graded by the NEHA credentialing staff. The examination requires a 70% score to pass, and is broken down as follows:

- Housing
- Air Pollution
- Radiation Health
- Occupational Health
- Community Noise
- Waste/Wastewater
- Solid Wastes
- Milk and Food
- Vector Control
- Epidemiology

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**CREDENTIALING MAINTENANCE**

The continuing education of the environmental health work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain certified, an Environmental Health Technician must accumulate 12 contact hours of Continuing

Education (C.E.) in environmental health every two years. The NEHA Credentialing Board determines what continuing education activities are appropriate for maintaining registration. These activities may include NEHA'S own self-paced learning modules, seminars, and workshops or technical sessions on environmental health offered at our conferences, or similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations.

It is the individual's responsibility to advise NEHA of any continuing education experience by submitting a completed NEHA C.E. Approval Form with documentation. This enables NEHA to maintain up-to-date C.E. records at no additional cost to the NEHA credentialed professional.

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### CREENTIAL FEES

Separate fees have been established for the application review and the certification examination. Both fees must accompany the application. Should your application be denied, only the examination fee will be refunded. The fees are listed below:

#### CEHT Application Review (non-refundable)

- NEHA MEMBER = \$5
- NON-MEMBER = \$25

#### CEHT Examination Fee (refundable if your application is denied)

- NEHA MEMBER = \$50
- NON-MEMBER = \$95

#### TOTAL:

- NEHA MEMBER = \$55
- NON-MEMBER = \$120

#### Two Year Renewal Fees

- NEHA MEMBER = \$35
- NON-MEMBER = \$60

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These fees cover the administration and grading of the exam, preparing and mailing of certificates, and maintaining the registry at NEHA headquarters.

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## Credentialing for the *Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist*(RHSS) \*

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The credentialing information is divided into seven major sections:

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### DEFINITION OF A RHSS

A Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist is an individual who, in support of and under the direction of Registered Hazardous Substances Professionals, environmental professionals and scientists, carries out in a responsible manner proven techniques of a technical nature in a particular hazardous materials/waste management field.

Performance as a Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist requires the application of appropriate principles, methods and techniques combined with practice and knowledge.

Under professional direction, the Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist functions in positions that involve testing, sampling, routine inspecting, and providing information on hazardous materials/waste practices, techniques and methods for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and eliminating environmental health hazards.

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### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### **Track One:**

successful completion of a two-year A.A., A.A.S., or Certificate program in hazardous materials/ waste management. With this level of education, there is no experience requirement.

#### **Track Two:**

successful graduation from a standard four-year high school or acceptable equivalency certification, and, a minimum of two years work experience in the hazardous materials/waste field.

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### HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED

If you believe you are qualified, the first step toward becoming certified is to complete an application and return it to the NEHA address listed on the home page. (Please call customer service at (303) 756-9090 to have an application form sent to you.)

The application form requests a detailed description of the jobs performed and the level of technical attainment and responsibility in each, as well as your educational achievements.

Candidates must provide the names and addresses of three references on the application. At least two of the references should work full time in a field of environmental health. The three references may be contacted by NEHA to verify statements made in the application.

Each application will be reviewed and, if approved, the applicant and his/her proctor will be notified that the examination will be sent. Certification will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination.

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### PROCTOR INFORMATION/QUALIFICATION

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A QUALIFIED PROCTOR MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION. A qualified

proctor shall be a person employed by/as one of the following (listed in order of preference below):

- Civil Service or State Merit System Personnel Department
- College Continuing Education Department (includes community colleges)
- Military Reservation or Base Testing Officer from the Uniformed Services
- Official State Registration Board
- Civil Service Continuing Education Dept.
- Corporate Continuing Education Dept.
- Person(s) approved by the NEHA Credentialing Department

### THE EXAMINATION

The RHSS exam is an objective, 200 question multiple-choice test designed to measure knowledge expected of two-year technical program graduates. The exam takes approximately two to three hours to complete, and will be graded by the NEHA credentialing staff. The examination requires a 70% score to pass, and is broken down as follows:

- **Federal Laws & Regs.:** generally 40 CFR Parts 260-271; 40 CFR Part 280; 49 CFR Parts 171-177; RCRA; HSWA and SARA
- **Determination & Characterization of Haz. Wastes**
- **Sampling & Analysis Procedures & Interpretations**
- **Waste Reduction & Recycling**
- **Disposal Options & Restrictions**
- **Permitting & Record Keeping Requirements**
- **Short/Long Term Haz. Waste Management Responsibilities**
- **Mixed Wastes**
- **Proper Handling, Packaging, Storage**
- **Waste Treatment Technologies**
- **Transportation & Manifesting**
- **Personal Protection**

The examination draws from state-of-the-art information as well as traditional subject areas. The questions are designed at the associate degree level of experience and will test your competency at the two-year college level. There are no trick questions; however, there are some that must be thought through to arrive at the right answer. All questions, including math problems, were selected to be as practical as possible.

### MAINTAINING YOUR CREDENTIAL

The continuing education of the hazardous substances work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain certified, a Hazardous Substances Specialist must accumulate 24 contact hours of Continuing Education (C.E.) in hazardous materials/waste management every two years or retake the registration examination. The NEHA Credentialing Board determines what continuing education activities are appropriate for maintaining registration. These activities may include NEHA'S own self-paced learning modules (*Hazardous Materials Management, Hazardous Materials Incident Response, Indoor Air, and Toxicology*) seminars, and workshops or technical sessions on hazardous waste and toxic substances offered at our conferences, or similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations or agencies.

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### CREDENTIAL FEES

Separate fees have been established for the application review and the certification examination. Both fees must accompany the application. Should your application be denied, only the examination fee will be refunded. The fees are listed below:

#### **RHSS Application Review (non-refundable)**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$20
- NON-MEMBER = \$45

#### **RHSS Examination Fee**

**(refundable if your application is denied)**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$75
- NON-MEMBER = \$125

**TOTAL:**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$95
- NON-MEMBER = \$170

**Two Year Renewal Fees**

- NEHA MEMBER = \$45
- NON-MEMBER = \$95

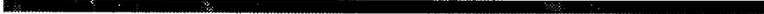
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**EXAMINATION PREPARATION**

To help you prepare for the RHSS examination, NEHA has created the following review tools.

**RHSS REVIEW MANUAL**

This manual is available for purchase as an exam preparation tool and stand-alone reference document. NEHA members may purchase the RHSS Review Manual for \$150; the non-member price is \$200 (please add \$12.50 shipping and handling to your order).



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