

**GEORGIA BOARD OF REGISTERED
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST/SANITARIAN
REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

The Georgia Board of Registered Environmental Health Professionals is a growing, mentoring body. We offer the environmental health professional opportunities for continuing education, responsible leadership and job growth. Credentials make you more marketable, affording better flexibility, mobility and job security. Credentials proclaim that you care, that you are on the leading edge of your profession and that you endeavor to stay current on emerging issues in environmental health through continuing education. Professional credentials are one way of demonstrating your expertise and validating your credibility.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Any person desiring to be registered as a environmental health specialist/sanitarian in this state shall make written application to the Board to take the environmental health specialist/sanitarian examination. The application shall include evidence that the applicant will possess, within 30 days after the examination and as certified by the department head or dean of the applicant's college or university, or already possesses, a) a Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D. in Environmental Health from an accredited college or university, or B) a Bachelor's degree with an algebra or higher level math course and a minimum of 45* quarter hours or 30 semester hours in basic sciences, i.e. courses in biology, chemistry, physics, or other physical sciences, as well as sanitary engineering or environmental engineering.

(* Persons employed as EHS's for 4 years or more as of 4-12-02 need only 40 quarter hours or 27 semester hours.)

HOW TO BECOME REGISTERED

If you believe you are qualified, the first step toward becoming registered is to complete an application and return it to the GBREHP address listed.

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.

Each application will be reviewed and, if approved, the applicant will be notified. Examinations are given each July in conjunction with the GEHA Annual Educational Conference or at other times and locations under the supervision of an approved proctor. An admission letter will be sent prior to the exam date. Registration will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination and evaluation of the applicant's experience.

THE EXAMINATION

The NEHA examination is an objective, 250 question multiple-choice test designed to measure knowledge expected of four-year bachelor degree program graduates. The exam takes approximately four hours to complete. The examination is broken down as follows:

Statues & Regulations	6%	Air Quality & Noise	4%
Food Protection	15%	Housing	6%
Potable Water	9%	Institutions & Licensed Establishments	9%
Wastewater	10%	Radiation & Protection	4%
Solid & Hazardous Waste	10%	Disaster Sanitation	3%
Hazardous Materials	5%	Vectors, Pests & Weeds	8%
Swimming Pools/Recreational Facilities ..	7%	Occupational Safety & Health	4%

The examination draws from state-of-the-art information as well as traditional subject areas. The questions are designed at the bachelor degree level of experience and will test your competency at the four-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. The PES exam is similar.

FEES

REHS/RS Examination Fee.....\$125.00
(refundable if your application is denied)

Registration Fee..... \$55.00
Two-Year Renewal Fee..... \$55.00

These fees cover the administration and grading of the exam, preparing and mailing of certificates, and maintaining the registry by GBREHP, including records of continuing education credits.

CREDENTIALING MAINTENANCE

Continuing education in 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 Registration Board determines which continuing education activities are appropriate for maintaining registration. These activities may be self-paced learning modules, seminars, and workshops or technical sessions on environmental health offered at annual conferences, or similar environmental health oriented functions from other organizations or agencies. It is the individual's responsibility to advise GBREHP of any continuing education experience by submitting a completed GBREHP C. E. Approval Form with documentation. This enables GBREHP to maintain up-to-date C.E. records at no cost to the GBREHP credentialed professional.

SUGGESTED STUDY REFERENCES

- . *NEHA REHS/RS Study Guide, 2nd Edition, 1998, NEHA (Member \$149/Non-Member \$179, Catalog #517)**
 - . *Environmental Health, 3rd Edition, 2003, M.T. Morgan (Member \$47.00/Non-Member \$55.00, Catalog #545)*
 - . *Environmental Engineering, 5th Edition, 2003, J.A. Salvato, N. Nemerow, F. Agardy (Member \$214.95/Non-Member \$239.95, Catalog #58)**
 - . *Environmental Engineering and Sanitation, Supplement: New Tools for the Environmental Engineer/Specialist, 1994, J.A. Salvato and J.E. Beck (Member \$77.95/Non-Member \$90.50, Catalog #624)*
 - . *Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 17th Edition, 2000, A.S. Benenson (Member \$34.50/Non-Member \$40, Catalog #573)*
 - . *Epidemiology in Medicine, 1987, C.H. Hennekens (Member \$45/Non-Member \$52.50, Catalog #571)*
 - . *Emerging Infections: Microbial Threats to Health in the U.S., 1992, Institute of Medicine (Member \$40/Non-Member \$50, Catalog #536)*
 - . *Public Health Law Manual, 2nd Edition, 1990, F.P. Grad (Member \$45/Non-Member \$52.50, Catalog #565)*
 - . *Environmental Law and Enforcement, 1994, G.I. McGregor (Member \$109.95/Non-Member \$128.25, Catalog #566)*
 - . *Principles of Food Sanitation, 1999, 4th Edition N.G. Marriott (Member \$63/Non-Member \$73.50, Catalog #126)*
 - . *Handbook for Safe Food Service Management, 1998, Experior Assessments, LLC (Member \$50.50/Non-Member \$58.95, Catalog #490)*
 - . *Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 1996, 4th Edition, National Safety Council (Member \$178.50/Non-Member \$208.25, Catalog #563)*
 - . *The Handbook of Environmental Health and Safety: (Vol. I and II) 2003, 4th Edition, H. Koren and M. Bisesi (Member \$259.95/Non-Member \$294.95, Catalog #215)*
 - . "Hantavirus Infection," *Morbidity and Mortality Reports*, July 30, 1993 (Vol. 42 No. RR-11), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Member \$2/Non-Member \$3, Catalog #564)
 - . *Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions, 1990, American Correctional Association (Member \$61.50/Non-member \$71.50, Catalog #546)*
 - . *Pool-Spa Operators Handbook, 1990, L. Kowalsky (Not available from NEHA)*
 - . *National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs, 1992,*
 - . National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (Not available from NEHA)
- * these two books are strongly recommended

Please address correspondence or questions to:

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