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# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

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**NAC 625A.010 Definitions.** (**NRS 625A.080**) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Approved course" means a course of study or training which must be related to sanitary measures for the benefit of the public and which is approved or presented by any of the following:
  - (a) The National Environmental Health Association.
  - (b) The American Public Health Association.
  - (c) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - (d) The Food and Drug Administration.
  - (e) The Department of Health and Human Services.
  - (f) The Environmental Protection Agency.
  - (g) The American Water Works Association.
  - (h) The American Dietetic Association.
  - (i) The State Board of Nursing.
  - (j) The Nevada Environmental Health Association.
  - (k) The American Society of Agricultural Engineers.
  - (1) Any other organization approved by the Board.
  - (m) An accredited college or university.
  - 2. "Board" means the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists.
  - 3. "Contact hour" means 50 minutes of participation in an approved course.
  - 4. "Environmental health specialist" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 625A.020.
  - 5. "Unit of continuing education" means 12 contact hours of approved courses.

#### NAC 625A.011 Environmental health specialist trainee – Training programs

- 1. The Board shall maintain a list of approved training programs
- 2. An agency or other entity may apply for approval of a training program by submitting an application and program detail to the Board

## NAC 625A.012 Reciprocity – Approved jurisdictions The Board shall maintain a list of approved jurisdictions pursuant to NRS 625A.110

#### NAC 625A.013 Certificate renewal

- 1. A certificate of registration is renewable on January 1st of each calendar year.
- 2. Certificates not renewed within 60 days of the above renewal date (January 1st) will be automatically suspended pursuant to NRS 625A.1.0
- 3. Certificates suspended pursuant to this subsection may be reinstated in accordance with NAC 625A.040

### NAC 625A.014 Retired environmental health specialists

Persons seeking retired status pursuant to NRS 625A.150 must complete an exemption form provided by the Board

### NAC 625A.020 Continuing education: Requirements for renewal of registration; exceptions. (NRS 625A.080, 625A.150)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each environmental health specialist must complete 2 units of continuing education every 2 years after the date of his initial renewal. Not later than 2 years after the date of his initial renewal and every 2 years thereafter, the environmental health specialist must submit proof of completion of the required units of continuing education to the Board with his application for the renewal of his registration.
- 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to an environmental health specialist who has received an exemption pursuant to NRS 625A.150.
- 3. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will result in the automatic suspension of the certificate of registration
  - 4. Certificates suspended pursuant to this subsection may be reinstated in accordance with NAC 625A.040

### NAC 625A.030 Continuing education: Proof of completion. (NRS 625A.080, 625A.150)

- 1. Each environmental health specialist who is required to complete a program of continuing education shall retain proof of completion of an approved course for 4 years after completion of the course.
- 2. Proof of completion of an approved course must be in the form of a transcript, certificate of completion or other document furnished by the organization which conducted the course.

NAC 625A.040 Reinstatement of suspended certificate of registration. (NRS 625A.080, 625A.130) [Effective until the date of the repeal of the federal law requiring each state to establish procedures for withholding, suspending and restricting the professional, occupational and recreational licenses for child support arrearages and for noncompliance with certain processes relating to paternity or child support proceedings.] If the certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist has been suspended pursuant to the

provisions of NRS 625A.130, the Board will reinstate the certificate after the environmental health specialist submits to the Board:

- 1. An application for reinstatement of the certificate of registration on a form approved by the Board.
- 2. The statement prescribed by the Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources required pursuant to NRS 625A.105 if the environmental health specialist failed to submit the statement to the Board.
- 3. The annual fee for registration for each year in which the certificate was suspended and for the year in which the environmental health specialist requests reinstatement.
- 4. A penalty fee equal to 50 percent of all fees required to be submitted pursuant to subsection 3, not to exceed \$200.
- 5. Proof of completion of the units of continuing education required pursuant to NAC 625A.020 for the period in which the certificate of registration was suspended. Any units of continuing education required to be completed during the period in which the certificate of registration was suspended must be completed within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for reinstatement.

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- 1. An application for reinstatement of the certificate of registration on a form approved by the Board.
- 2. The annual fee for registration for each year in which the certificate was suspended and for the year in which the environmental health specialist requests reinstatement.
- 3. A penalty fee of \$100 [equal to 50 percent of all fees required to be submitted pursuant to subsection 2, not to exceed \$200].
- 4. Proof of completion of the units of continuing education required pursuant to NAC 625A.020 for the period in which the certificate of registration was suspended. Any units of continuing education required to be completed during the period in which the certificate of registration was suspended must be completed within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for reinstatement.

#### REVISER'S NOTE.

The regulation of the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists filed with the Secretary of State on March 26, 2004 (LCB File No. R125-03), which amended this section, contains the following provision not included in NAC:

"Section 3 of this regulation [NAC 625A.040] becomes effective on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

- (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or
  - (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more children, are repealed by the Congress of the United States."