

# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

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### CHAPTER 625A - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

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 *environmental health sciences or* 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 United States 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 and Biological Engineers.
- (l) Any other organization approved by the Board.
- (m) An accredited college or university.

2. “Board” means the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists.

~~3. “Certificate of registration” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 625A.023.~~

~~4.~~3. “Contact hour” means 50 minutes of participation in an approved course.

~~5. “Environmental health specialist” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 625A.025.~~

~~6. “Environmental health specialist trainee” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 625A.026.~~

~~7. “Practice of environmental health” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 625A.028.~~

*4. “Environmental health sciences” means the science and practice of preventing human injury and illness and promoting well-being by identifying and evaluating environmental sources and hazardous agents and limiting exposures to hazardous physical, chemical, and biological agents in air, water, soil, food and other environments or settings that may adversely affect human health.*

~~{8. “Unit of continuing education” means 12 contact hours of approved courses.}~~

**NAC 625A.013 Environmental health specialist trainee: Qualification to practice; application for certificate of registration; approval of training program.** (NRS 625A.080, 625A.115)

1. To engage in the practice of environmental health as an environmental health specialist trainee, a person:

(a) Must be employed as a part of a training program which has been approved by the Board and in which the person engages in the practice of environmental health under the direct supervision of one or more other persons who hold *current* certificates of registration *issued by the Board* as environmental health specialists; and

(b) Must file with the Board an application for a certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist trainee not later than 90 days after the date on which the person initially becomes employed as a part of the approved training program.

*2. A training program in environmental health services which is provided by a Nevada public health district or state of Nevada health department, division or agency, are deemed approved by the Board.*

~~{2.}~~ *3. In addition to any training program deemed approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 2 of NAC 625A.015,* To be approved by the Board for purposes of employing environmental health specialist trainees, a training program must submit to the Board an application, a description of the training program and any other information related to the training program that the Board may require.

~~{3.}~~ *4. The Board will maintain a list of all training programs that are approved by the Board to employ environmental health specialist trainees.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Reg. Environmental Health Sp. by R003-06, eff. 3-23-2007)

**NAC 625A.015 Certificate of registration: ~~{List of}~~ *Recognized* jurisdictions for purposes of issuance by reciprocity.** (NRS 625A.080, 625A.110) For the purpose of issuing a certificate of registration to a person by reciprocity as provided in [NRS 625A.110](#), ~~{the Board will maintain a list of all jurisdictions recognized by the Board as having requirements for}~~ registration as an environmental health specialist, environmental health scientist or registered sanitarian *in jurisdictions that require registration or certification by the National Environmental Health Association will be recognized by the Board as being* ~~{which are}~~ substantially similar to the requirements for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist in this State.

**NAC 625A.017 Certificate of registration: Date when application for renewal and annual fee are due; effect of noncompliance.** (NRS 625A.080, 625A.130)

*1. A certificate of registration issued by the Board shall expire one year from date of initial registration.*

~~{1}~~*2.* An application for renewal of a certificate of registration and the annual fee required pursuant to NRS 625A.130 must be received by the Board *no later than the date of expiration of the certificate of registration.* ~~{not later than 60 days after the end of each calendar year.}~~

~~{2}~~*3.* The certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist trainee is automatically suspended if the specialist or trainee fails to *renew his or her registration within 60 days after the date it is due* ~~{submit an application for renewal of the certificate and the annual fee}~~ as required pursuant to NRS 625A.130. ~~{within the period prescribed in subsection 1.}~~

*4. A certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist trainee which has been expired for 60 days or less may be reinstated retroactive to the date of expiration of the certificate of registration upon payment of a late renewal fee in addition to any other requirements for renewal of a registration.*

*5. An application for renewal will not be approved unless the application is submitted not later than 60 days after the date on which the certificate expired.*

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

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

(a) Each environmental health specialist must complete ~~{2-units}~~ **12 contact hours** of continuing education ~~{every 2-years}~~ **annually**. ~~{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.}~~

***(b) Continuing education courses documented as completed by the National Environmental Health Association or other organization approved by the Board during the 12 calendar months immediately prior to the period for which the registration is being renewed must be submitted with his or her application for renewal of his registration.***

(b) The certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist who fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (a) is automatically suspended.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to:

(a) an environmental health specialist who has received an exemption pursuant to NRS 625A.150 **and**

***(b) An environmental health specialist trainee.***

**NAC 625A.025 Continuing education: Application by retiree for exemption from requirements.** (NRS 625A.080, 625A.150) An environmental health specialist who ***holds a certificate of registration that is not suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted*** ~~{wishes to be exempt}~~ ***may request exemption*** from the requirements for continuing education set forth in NAC 625A.020 because he has retired and is no longer engaged in the practice of environmental health ***by submitting with his or her application to renew the registration an attestation that he or she will no longer practice or represent to others that he or she is authorized to engage in the practice of environmental health in this State.*** ~~{must submit an application for an exemption to the Board. Such an application must be made on a form approved by the Board}.~~

**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.

*3. The Board may conduct random audits of licensees to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.*

**NAC 625A.040 Reinstatement of suspended certificate of registration.** ~~Effective until 2 years after 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.~~ (NRS 625A.080, 625A.100, 625A.130, 625A.150) If the certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of NRS 625A.130 or NAC 625A.017 or 625A.020, the Board will reinstate the certificate of registration 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 Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services 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 of registration was suspended and for the year in which the environmental health specialist requests reinstatement.

4. A ~~penalty~~ *reinstatement* fee of \$100.

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.

## NEW SECTIONS

### *Licensing*

1. *Any person seeking registration by the Board or seeking to renew, reinstate or change the type of certificate issued by the Board must submit a completed application on a form provided by the Board.*
2. *Each application submitted pursuant to section 1 must be accompanied by payment of any fee.*
3. *An applicant who is required to provide the Board with:*
  - (a) *An official transcript from an educational program shall ensure that a sealed, official transcript is attached to his or her application or sent directly from the educational program to the Board.*
  - (b) *Proof satisfactory of his or her registration by the National Environmental Health Association shall ensure such proof is submitted to the Board*
  - (c) *Proof of a license, certification or registration obtained in another state, territory or country shall provide such proof for any license, certification or registration presently held or held during the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application*
  - (d) *Proof of satisfactory completion of a program of training, shall provide an affidavit of completion of training from the approved training program.*
4. *If an applicant is required to pass an examination or complete continuing education for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement or to convert to a different certificate type, the applicant must provide to the Board with his or her application proof that he or she has passed the examination or completed the continuing education, as applicable.*
5. *An applicant shall include with his or her application any additional information that the Board may require.*
6. *After an application is submitted to the Board, the Board may require an applicant to provide additional information or appear before the Board or one of its members for an oral interview before issuing, renewing, reinstating or converting to a different registration type.*
7. *Registration by reciprocity, examination not required. An environmental health specialist who is applying for a certificate of registration by reciprocity and is currently*

*registered with the National Environmental Health Association is deemed to have met the examination requirements of NRS 625A.120.*

*8. Acceptable basic science courses required for registration as an environmental health specialist pursuant to the provisions of NRS 625A.110 subsection 1 include, but are not limited to:*

- (a) General Chemistry;*
- (b) Organic Chemistry;*
- (c) General Physics;*
- (d) Microbiology;*
- (e) General Biological Science*
- (f) Epidemiology*
- (g) Statistics*
- (h) Water Quality*
- (i) Waste Management*
- (j) Food and Consumer Protection*
- (k) Housing and Institution Sanitation;*
- (l) Vector Control;*
- (m) Recreational Health;*
- (n) Air Quality;*
- (o) Milk and Dairy Products;*
- (p) Occupational Health;*
- (q) Electromagnetic Radiation;*
- (r) Noise Control;*
- (s) Toxicology;*
- (t) Soil Science; and*
- (u) Land Use Development*

*All basic science coursework shall be equal to that acceptable in an approved environmental health degree program.*

9. *An environmental health specialist trainee may convert his or her certificate of registration to a registered environmental health specialist upon completion of a training program by submitting to the Board;*

- (a) An application for conversion of trainee certificate,*
- (b) Proof of passage of the examination approved by the Board,*
- (c) An affidavit of completion of training on a form provided by the Board; and*
- (d) Payment of a conversion fee.*

*General Administrative Requirements*

10. *An environmental health specialist or trainee shall not engage in the practice of environmental health under any name under which the specialist or trainee does not hold a certificate issued by the Board.*

11. *If an environmental health specialist or trainee changes his or her legal name after the issuance of his or her certificate, the specialist or trainee shall submit a copy of a marriage certificate or court decree to the Board not later than 30 days after the change. The Board will, upon receiving sufficient evidence that a specialist or trainee has changed his or her legal name, issue a new certificate with the legal name thereon.*

12. *All formal written communications and documents must be addressed to the Board and not to individual members of the Board.*

13. *Schedule of Fees. The Board will charge the following fees:*

- (a) Application fee .....\$ 250.00*
- (b) Registration Fee .....\$ 100.00*
- (c) Annual Renewal Fee .....\$ 100.00*
- (d) Reinstatement Fee ..... \$ 100.00*
- (e) Late Renewal Fee .....\$ 100.00*
- (f) Registration Conversion Fee .....\$ 100.00*
- (g) Re-examination Processing Fee .....\$ 50.00*
- (h) Incomplete Application Processing Fee .....\$ 50.00*