

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS**

LCB File No. R067-21

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 625A.057 and 625A.120; § 2, NRS 625A.057 and 625A.115; § 3, NRS 625A.057 and 625A.130.

A REGULATION relating to environmental health specialists; specifying the time periods in which an environmental health specialist trainee may apply to the Board of Environmental Health Specialists to take the national examination for credentialing as an environmental health specialist; revising the list of entities which provide training programs in the practice of environmental health whose training programs are deemed to be approved by the Board; revising certain fees charged for obtaining and renewing standard and provisional registrations to practice environmental health; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Environmental Health Specialists to adopt regulations: (1) establishing standards of practice for registered environmental health specialists and environmental health specialist trainees; and (2) that are necessary to enable the Board to carry out the provisions of law related to environmental health specialists and environmental health specialist trainees. (NRS 625A.057)

Existing regulations authorize an environmental health specialist trainee to apply to the Board to take the national examination required for becoming an environmental health specialist. Existing regulations also permit an environmental health specialist trainee who does not achieve a passing score upon completion of the national examination to apply to the Board to retake the examination. (Section 3 of LCB File No. R075-19) **Section 1** of this regulation specifies that: (1) an environmental health specialist trainee who has at least 18 months of experience approved by the Board in the practice of environmental health may apply to the Board to take the national examination; and (2) an environmental health specialist trainee who does not achieve a passing score upon completion of the national examination may apply to the Board to retake the exam not sooner than 30 days after the date of the previous examination.

Existing regulations require that the employment in which an environmental health specialist trainee receives training be part of a training program that is approved by the Board. (NAC 625A.013) Existing regulations also: (1) require an employer providing such a training program to submit to the Board a description of the training program and any other information related to the training program the Board may require; and (2) provides that a training program is

not required to submit such information and is deemed to be approved by the Board if the training program is provided by certain health districts, the Department of Health and Human Services, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Taxation or the State Department of Agriculture. (Section 4 of LCB File No. R075-19) **Section 2** of this regulation replaces the Department of Taxation with the Cannabis Compliance Board in the list of providers whose training programs are deemed to be approved by the Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

Section 3 of this regulation revises the registration and renewal fees that the Board charges for standard and provisional registrations to practice environmental health.

Section 1. Section 3 of LCB File No. R075-19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 1. An environmental health specialist trainee who *has at least 18 months of experience approved by the Board in the practice of environmental health and who* wants to take the national examination for credentialing as a registered environmental health specialist offered by the National Environmental Health Association must apply to the Board to take the examination.

2. If an environmental health specialist trainee does not achieve a passing score upon completion of the national examination, he or she may apply to the Board to retake the examination ~~H~~ *not sooner than 30 days after the date of the previous examination.*

3. The Board will accept a report of the score of an environmental health specialist trainee on the national examination from the National Environmental Health Association.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of LCB File No. R075-19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 1. A training program described in NAC 625A.013 must be approved by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to be approved by the Board, the employer providing the training program must submit to the Board a description of the training program and any other information related to the training program the Board may require.

2. A training program is not required to submit the information described in subsection 1 and shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the training program is provided by:

- (a) A health district created pursuant to NRS 439.362 or 439.370;
- (b) The Department of Health and Human Services;
- (c) A division of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (d) The ~~{Department of Taxation;}~~ *Cannabis Compliance Board*; or
- (e) The State Department of Agriculture.

3. A training program may consist of any combination of academic coursework, on-site training and work experience approved by the Board.

4. The Board will maintain a list of all employers that offer training programs that are approved by the Board pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3. Section 9 of LCB File No. R075-19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsections 2 and 3, the Board will charge and collect the following fees:

(a) Application fee for:

- (1) A standard registration.....\$250
- (2) A temporary registration.....250
- (3) A provisional registration150

(b) Registration fee for:

- (1) A standard registration.....~~100~~ *125*
- (2) A temporary registration.....50
- (3) A provisional registration~~75~~ *125*

(c) Renewal fee for:

- (1) An active standard registration~~100~~ *125*
- (2) An inactive standard registration50

(3) A temporary registration.....	75
(4) A provisional registration.....	100 125
(d) Late renewal fee	\$100
(e) Reinstatement fee.....	\$250

2. If an environmental health specialist trainee with a provisional license applies to convert his or her provisional registration to a standard registration, the application fee is \$100.

3. If an applicant for registration is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, the Board will collect one-half of the initial application and registration fees established pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, as applicable.