

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

LCB File No. R003-06

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

AUTHORITY: §§1, 6, 10 and 11, NRS 625A.080; §2, NRS 625A.080 and 625A.115; §3, NRS 625A.080 and 625A.110; §§4, 8 and 9, NRS 625A.080 and 625A.130; §§5 and 7, NRS 625A.080 and 625A.150.

A REGULATION relating to environmental health specialists; providing the requirements to become an environmental health specialist trainee; making various changes related to the requirements to obtain a certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist; providing requirements for renewing a certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist; authorizing an exemption to the continuing education requirements for retired environmental health specialists under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 625A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 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 certificates of registration 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. 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. The Board will maintain a list of all training programs that are approved by the Board to employ environmental health specialist trainees.

Sec. 3. 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 which are substantially similar to the requirements for the issuance of a certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist in this State.

Sec. 4. 1. Each original certificate of registration expires on December 31 of the year in which it is issued.

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 not later than 60 days after the end of each calendar year. Each renewed certificate of registration expires on December 31 of the year in which it is renewed.

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 submit

an application for renewal of the certificate and the annual fee required pursuant to NRS 625A.130 within the period prescribed in subsection 2.

Sec. 5. *An environmental health specialist who wishes to be exempt 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 must submit an application for an exemption to the Board. Such an application must be made on a form approved by the Board.*

Sec. 6. NAC 625A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625A.010 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 *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. “Contact hour” means 50 minutes of participation in an approved course.

~~[4.]~~ 5. “Environmental health specialist” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS ~~[625A.020.~~
~~—5.]~~ 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.*

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

Sec. 7. NAC 625A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625A.020 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~[, each]~~:

(a) 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.

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

Sec. 8. NAC 625A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625A.040 If the certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of NRS 625A.130, *NAC 625A.020 or section 4 of this regulation*, 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 ~~[Welfare]~~ Division of *Welfare and Supportive Services* of the Department of *Health and Human Resources* ~~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 fee ~~[equal to 50 percent of all fees required to be submitted pursuant to subsection 3, not to exceed \$200.]~~ *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.

Sec. 9. NAC 625A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625A.040 If the certificate of registration of an environmental health specialist has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of NRS 625A.130, *NAC 625A.020 or section 4 of this regulation*, 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 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.
3. A penalty fee ~~[equal to 50 percent of all fees required to be submitted pursuant to subsection 2, not to exceed \$200.]~~ *of \$100.*
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.

Sec. 10. Section 7 of LCB File No. R125-03, which was adopted by the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists and was filed with the Secretary of State on March 26, 2004, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. 1. This section and sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of this regulation become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

2. Section 3 of this regulation becomes effective on the *date 2 years after 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.

Sec. 11. 1. This section and sections 1 to 8, inclusive, and 10 of this regulation become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

2. Section 9 of this regulation becomes effective on the date 2 years after 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 proceeding 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,

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3. Section 8 of this regulation expires by limitation on the date 2 years after 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 proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

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