

# **GEORGIA BOARD OF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Georgia has long recognized the significant and productive role the Environmental Health Technician plays on our Environmental Health Team. To more fully emphasize this importance we are the first to offer a credential for Environmental Health Technician at the state level.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Any person to be certified as an environmental health technician in this state shall make written application to the Board to take the Environmental Health Technician examination. The application shall include evidence that the applicant possesses:

1. a two-year degree from an accredited college or university in the field of environmental health and one-year experience in the environmental health field, or
2. documentation of successful completion of military service school in environmental health and one year experience in the environmental health field, or
3. a valid high school diploma and two years of experience in the environmental health field.

### **HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED**

If you believe you are qualified, the first step toward becoming certified 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. Certification will depend upon the final grade attained on the examination and evaluation of the applicant's experience.

### **THE EXAMINATION**

The examination is an objective, 100 question multiple-choice test designed to measure knowledge expected of two-year technical program graduates. The exam takes approximately four hours to complete, and will be graded by the NEHA credentialing staff. The examination requires a 70% score to pass, and is broken down as follows:

Food.....	18 questions	Air.....	5 questions
Housing.....	15 questions	Water.....	9 questions
Waste Water.....	7 questions	Solid Waste.....	7 questions
Public Health.....	2 questions	Vector & Pest Control.....	14 questions
Occupational Health & Hazardous Exposure.....	23 questions		

The examination draws from state-of-the art information as well as traditional subject areas. The questions are designed at the associate degree level of experience and will test your competency at the two-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.

## FEES

CEHT Examination Fee.....\$125.00  
(refundable if your application is denied)

Certification 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.

## CREDENTIALING MAINTENANCE

Continuing education in the environmental health work force enables the professional to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions. Therefore, to remain certified, an Environmental Health Technician 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

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