



Certified Environmental Health Technician Credential Examination Program Candidate Information Brochure

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For as long as NEHA has existed, NEHA has strived to elevate the standing and respect accord to those who practice environmental health. One of the mechanisms used by professional societies like NEHA to achieve such a goal is the one of credentialing. Through a professional credential, one evidences to both their employer and to the public they serve that they are competent to carry out the duties and tasks expected of them. Such a mark of distinction also serves the practitioner inasmuch as the effort expended to gain such a credential often leads to higher levels of individual compensation and regard, as it should. NEHA's mission is to advance you — pure and simple. Few professional fields are growing and changing as rapidly as environmental health. Attainment of the CEHT credential demonstrates professional direction, achievement and the knowledge to carry out functions and duties of a technical nature in a responsible manner.

Eligibility and Exam Registration

Eligibility to sit for this credentialing exam is determined by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). Applications and fees must be submitted to NEHA for review. For applications and additional information about eligibility requirements, please contact: National Environmental Health Association, 720 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 1000-N, Denver, CO 80246, Phone: 303-756-9090, ext. 337, E-mail: Credentialing@neha.org.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must meet either the education requirement under "A" or the education and experience requirements under "B":

A. Education:

1. Graduation from a recognized two-year college program in an environmental health field (e.g., housing hygiene, air pollution, radiation health, occupational health, community noise, water and wastewater, solid wastes, milk and food sanitation, vector control); *or*
2. Graduation from an applicable military technical school (i.e., environmental health, preventive medicine, and veterinary medicine.)

B. Education & Experience:

1. Graduation from a standard four-year high school or acceptable equivalency certification; *and*
2. A minimum of two years work experience in one or more of the fields of environmental health. College or equivalent technical training may be substituted on a year-for-year basis.

Exam/Application Fees

<i>Application Fees:</i>	NEHA Members \$50.00	<i>Exam Fees:</i>	NEHA Members \$90.00
	Non-Members \$85.00		Non-Members \$180.00

Exam Scheduling and Locations

Examinations will be scheduled at times and locations convenient to candidates. **THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A QUALIFIED PROCTOR MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION.** Individual candidates or should contact NEHA for further details.

Admission To The Exam

NEHA will send each approved candidate an admission letter. The admission letter shows the date the exam will be given, the address of the exam location and the time for reporting to the exam. Those not appearing on the date and at the time shown on the admittance letter will forfeit all fees. Persons arriving after the exam supervisor has started may not be admitted. If you lose your admission letter, or have not received an admission letter at least two days before the exam date, contact NEHA immediately. Please notify NEHA of any change of address. Only approved candidates will be admitted to the exam. No walk-in applicants will be admitted.

Scores

Passing score is 70%. Your score will be based on the number of questions you answer correctly. If you are unsure of the answer, it is better to guess because you will not be given credit for any answer that has been answered incorrectly, left blank or marked with more than one answer. There is no penalty for guessing. A score letter will be mailed to you approximately two weeks after the exam date. To insure confidentiality, exam scores will not be given by telephone or fax.

Special Needs Candidates

If a physical or mental impairment prevents you from taking the exam under normal conditions, you may request special arrangements. Please submit documentation of your impairment with your registration form and a letter describing the special arrangements that are necessary.

What to Bring to the Exam

You must bring your admission letter and photo identification (such as a driver's license). Please bring two #2 pencils for marking your answer sheet.

Credential Maintenance

In order to keep your credential current you must: 1) earn 12 hours of continuing education every two years and provide documentation to NEHA with a Continuing Education Submission Form; and 2) pay a renewal fee of \$115 NEHA Members/\$245 Non-Members every two years.

References

Below is a complete list of recommended study references. Be aware that these materials may NOT contain all of the general knowledge necessary within each content area. Most of these publications are available from NEHA through its online Bookstore (<http://www.neha.org/store/index.html>).

Control of Communicable Diseases Manual (Nineteenth Edition), 2008, D.L. Heymann (Editor), APHA
(Member: \$45 / Nonmember: 55 / Catalog #573)

Environmental Health (Third Edition), 2005, D. W. Moeller (Member: \$84 / Nonmember: \$92 / Catalog #410)

Environmental Health (Third Edition), 2003, M.T. Morgan (Member: \$92 / Nonmember: \$101 / Catalog #545)

Handbook of Environmental Health, Volumes 1 and 2 (Fourth Edition), 2003, H. Koren and M. Bisesi
(Member: \$319 / Nonmember: \$344 / Catalog #215)

REHS/RS Study Guide (Third Edition), 2006, NEHA (Member: \$149 / Nonmember: \$179 / Catalog #517)

Elements of Environmental Health, David E. Newton (Not available from NEHA)

Public Health and Preventive Medicine, John M. Last and Robert B. Wallace (Not available from NEHA)

Sanitarians Examination Review Book, Blackwill, F. Oris, Adrounie, V. Harry, and Walker, Bailus, Jr. (Not available from NEHA)

Exam Description/Content Areas

There are 100 questions on the exam. All questions are written in multiple-choice format. You will have three (3) hours to complete this exam. In addition, the CEHT exam is based on the following content areas.

1. Food 18%
2. Vector and Pest Control 18%
3. Occupational Health/Hazardous Exposure 14%
4. Water 12%
5. Housing/Shelter-Environment 9%
6. Toxicology 8%
7. Air Pollution 7%
8. Solid Waste 7%
9. Waste Water 7%

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. All questions, including math problems, were selected to be as practical as possible.