

Reciprocity for the NEHA REHS/RS Credential

In some cases, if you hold a state REHS or RS credential, you may be eligible to receive NEHA's REHS/RS credential without re-examination (reciprocity). In order to be eligible for reciprocity you must:

1. Have a valid, current state registration; and
2. Have a Bachelor's degree with 30 semester/45 quarter hours in basic sciences; and
3. Have either a score of 68% or better on the NEHA exam *or* a score of 70% or better on the Professional Examination Service (PES) exam provided it was taken before December 31, 1997 (PES exams taken after this date are not eligible to receive national REHS/RS reciprocity through NEHA).

If you are eligible for Reciprocity, you should fill out the NEHA Application for Professional Credential found at www.neha.org. Click on Credentials on the left. At the top of the Credential page is a link to the application.

On **Step 2** of the Application, you would mark the 3rd option "REHS/RS without Re-Examination/Reciprocity." The fees are \$95 for NEHA members and \$155 for non-members. Membership is also \$95 and you can pay for membership on the same application. NEHA membership is optional.

At the bottom of the first page of the application, look for "***NOTE.**" Follow the directions for reciprocity.

Complete the rest of the application. **You can skip Step 3** (Administrative Options).

Step 4 - Transcripts can come with the application or directly from the school and mailed separately. Indicate on Step 4 if transcripts will come separately and if name on transcript may differ from the name on your application (such as maiden name/married name).

You can skip Step 7 (Work Experience Verification Form).

Submit the application, supporting documents and fees. Make checks payable to NEHA.

It can take 4-6 weeks for Reciprocity applications to be processed.

It is also recommended that you review the NEHA Credentialing Handbook on the Credential webpage.

If you have reviewed this material and still have questions, contact the NEHA Credentialing Department at 303-756-9090 ext. 337 for Carol Newlin or e-mail your questions to cnewlin@neha.org.