

How to Become Registered as an ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Registration as an Environmental Health Specialist requires three steps:

- 1. Education** - minimum a Bachelor's degree from a four year college including 30 semester units of basic science coursework (courses must be for "science" or "biology" majors);
- 2. Training and Experience** - up to 18 months depending on education typically at a local county environmental health department;
- 3. Comprehensive Exam** - held three times a year in Sacramento and Los Angeles area.

Qualified college graduates must apply to the California Department of Public Health **AND** have their transcripts evaluated by CPS HR Consulting **before** applying for a trainee position. State and county environmental health agencies and private industry hire REHSs. You can find employment opportunities at the following websites [CEHA Employment Opportunities Webpage \(www.ceha.org/jobs.html\)](http://www.ceha.org/jobs.html), [CCDEH Job Postings Webpage \(www.ccdeh.com/jobs\)](http://www.ccdeh.com/jobs), and [Cal CUPA Career Opportunities Webpage \(https://calcupa.org/jobs/index.html\)](https://calcupa.org/jobs/index.html).

Four state universities currently offer Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees in Environmental Health: California State University (CSU) at Fresno, CSU Northridge, CSU San Bernardino, and San Diego State University.

Applicants will need their domestic college transcripts evaluated by [CPS HR Consulting \(https://ehspay.cpsshr.us\)](https://ehspay.cpsshr.us) by applying online and sending them official, sealed transcripts. The process generally takes 4 to 6 weeks. CPS HR Consulting will accept college transcripts in electronic form directly from the college or university using the CPS email address: ehsmailbox@cpsshr.us.

Foreign students will need a "course by course" evaluation of their college transcripts from a credential evaluation service to submit with the application to CDPH -REHS a list of credential evaluation services is available at the REHS website.

Once you've had your transcripts evaluated, CDPH will issue a *Letter of Eligibility*. This letter will allow you to apply for any open position as an EHS Trainee and will outline the experience and training you need to qualify for the examination.

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Section Certified Under	Total Experience Time	Training Hours for First Three Basic Elements	Training Hours for Second Three Secondary Elements	Total Training Hours
Section 106635 I	18 Months	120 Each = 360 Total	80 Each = 240 Total	600
Section 106635 II	12 Months	90 Each = 270 Total	60 Each = 180 Total	450
Section 106635 III	9 Months	60 Each = 180 Total	40 Each = 120 Total	300
Section 106635 IV	6 Months	40 Each = 120 Total	27 Each = 81 Total	200

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