

CHAPTER 33-30-02 INITIAL LICENSURE AND RENEWALS

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33-30-02-01. Licensure application.

An application for a license to practice environmental health must be made to the department on forms provided by the department upon request. The application must contain reasonably required information.

1. Each application for a license must be accompanied by:
 - a. A prescribed fee.
 - b. A transcript verifying completion of college degree.
2. All applications must be signed by the applicant.
3. The department may request additional information or clarification of information provided in the application the department deems reasonably necessary.
4. If the department so directs, an applicant shall personally appear before the department concerning the application.

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33-30-02-02. Licensure renewal.

A license is renewable biennially on January first of each biennium. A license must be renewed on forms provided by the department. The renewal forms must be accompanied by the renewal fee and proof of meeting the continuing education requirements. A license not renewed within two years of its expiration may not be renewed, and it may not be restored, reissued, or reinstated. An individual whose license has expired may reapply for a new license if the individual meets the requirements of North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-43 and this article.

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33-30-02-03. Fees.

1. An applicant shall pay the following fees in connection with environmental health practitioner and certified professional - food safety applications, renewals, and penalties:

- a. Application fee for an environmental health practitioner and certified professional - food safety license - \$50.00.
 - b. Renewal fee for an environmental health practitioner and certified professional - food safety license - \$15.00.
 - c. Late renewal penalty fee per month - \$2.00.
 - d. Duplicate or changed license fee - \$10.00.
2. The department shall assess licensure and renewal fees for a partial licensure period on a prorated basis.

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33-30-02-04. Qualifications and requirements for licensure as an environmental health practitioner.

- 1. An applicant shall complete an application for licensure and pay the required application fee.
- 2. An applicant shall have received a baccalaureate degree that includes at least thirty semester or forty-five quarter credits in a physical, chemical, or biological science, or a degree beyond baccalaureate in environmental health or in a physical, chemical, or biological science.
- 3. The applicant shall pass the national registered environmental health specialist/registered sanitarian (REHS/RS) examination administered by the national environmental health association or equivalent. An applicant meeting the licensure requirements in subsections 1 and 2 who has not yet passed the environmental health REHS/RS examination is considered board eligible. An individual who is board eligible may work in the field of environmental health but such work must be under the direction and supervision of a licensed environmental health practitioner. An individual who is board eligible may work under a licensed environmental health practitioner for no more than a total of five years after which the individual may work in the field of environmental health only after passing the national REHS/RS examination. An environmental health practitioner licensed prior to January 1, 1993, is exempt from the examination requirement.

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33-30-02-04.1. Qualifications and requirements for licensure as a certified professional - Food safety.

- 1. The applicant shall complete an application for licensure and pay the required application fee.
- 2. The applicant shall meet at least one of the following criteria in the "degree" or "experience" track:
 - a. Degree track:
 - (1) A baccalaureate degree in an accredited environmental health or food science curriculum or a baccalaureate in physical, chemical, or biological sciences, including at least thirty semester hours or forty-five quarter credits in a physical, chemical, or

biological science, or a degree beyond baccalaureate in environmental health or in a physical, chemical, or biological science;

- (2) A bachelor's degree with at least two years' experience in food protection; or
- (3) A bachelor's degree and possession of the NEHA REHS/RS credential.

b. Experience track:

- (1) An associate's degree; and
- (2) Four years of progressive experience in food safety work and successful passage of the certified professional food manager (CPFM) or food safety managers certification examination (FSMCE), supersafe mark examination, or servsafe examination; or
- (3) A high school diploma or general educational development and five years of progressive experience in food-related work, and successful passage of the certified professional food manager (CPFM), food safety managers certification examination (FSMCE), supersafe mark examination, or servsafe examination.

- 3. The applicant shall pass the national certified professional - food safety (CP-FS) examination administered by the national environmental health association or equivalent. An applicant meeting the requirements in subsections 1 and 2 who have not yet passed the CP-FS examination is considered board eligible. An individual who is board eligible may work in the field of food safety but such work must be under the direction and supervision of a licensed certified professional-food safety, doctor of veterinary medicine, medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, dentist, registered sanitarian, or registered environmental health specialist. An individual who is board eligible may work under the supervision of those previously listed for no more than a total of five years after which the individual may work in the field of food safety only after passing the CP-FS examination.

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33-30-02-05. Reciprocity.

An individual may be licensed to practice environmental health in North Dakota if the individual presents an application, application fee, and proof of licensure in another state or county whose requirements for licensure equal those of North Dakota.

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33-30-02-06. Requirement for licensure.

An individual engaged in the practice of environmental health in the state is required to be licensed.

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