

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program Update

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A New Website and Web Address for the CDPH REHS Program

The Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program is now organized under the new Division of Radiation Safety and Environmental Management (DRSEM). Our [web address](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx) has changed to <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx>. If you have our website bookmarked, please update to this [new location](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx).

New Office Location

The REHS program staff has moved to a new building located at 1725 23rd Street, Suite 110 Sacramento CA 95816. In addition to a new location, please see our new contact information below.

Monica Rodriguez	916-210-8561
Deann Kanenaga	916-210-8560
Veronica Malloy	916-210-8549
General office number	916-449-5662

Our mailing address has not changed. We will continue to receive mail at:

Environmental Management Branch
California Department of Public Health
MS-7404, IMS K-2
P.O. Box 997377
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

Welcome Monica Rodriguez

Monica joins the REHS team as our new part-time office technician. She will be answering the phones and assisting us in all areas of the program activities. Congratulations Monica, we are so grateful for your assistance and professionalism.

New Fees for the REHS Application, Initial Registration and Biennial Renewal

In recent years, the REHS program fund expenditures have consistently exceeded program revenues. The program has drawn down the REHS fund reserve to the point that we can no longer rely on this fund to meet program costs. As a result, we find it necessary to raise the fees associated with registrations (renewals and initial), new applications, and exams. As allowed by the 2017-2018 Budget Act, these fees will go up by 18.5% on July 1, 2018. The fees for retirees will not increase; the \$25 renewal fee and the associated late fee of \$13 will remain unchanged. The new fee schedule is posted on our website at the address indicated above.

Out-Of-State Registration Equivalency

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 106725 states that the department shall determine if a person who currently holds a certificate from another State or US Territory is eligible to be issued a California registration. The department must determine if that person meets specific requirements that are consistent with the CDPH statute at the time of their registration. Due to limitations of the law and because reciprocity is the practice of an exchange with others – a sort of two-way relationship a process of determining equivalency rather than reciprocity was examined by department staff. After an extensive analysis, the REHS program developed a registration equivalency process that would allow qualified persons to apply for an REHS Certificate. Qualified individuals must meet the education, training, experience and exam retake rule requirements in order to obtain California registration. Applicants who meet the equivalency rules will not have to sit for the California state REHS exam. The equivalency instruction, application and other pertinent information are posted on the REHS webpage.