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Registered Environmental Health Specialist:

Your environmental health specialist registration will expire on December 31, 2024. Enclosed is the Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) biennial renewal application. California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 106700 requires a biennial renewal fee of \$327.00 to be paid by each REHS on or before the first day of January of every other year.

Please make your **check or money order** payable to the **Environmental Health Specialist Registration Fund**, include your REHS number on the check and mail it with the renewal application form. If your registration is paid by a third party, such as a county treasurer, please make sure that the check, 2024 Biennial Renewal Application, and Continuing Education Verification Form are mailed together with the correct return address.

If you do not pay your renewal fee by January 1, 2025, your registration will be suspended and invalid. A penalty of \$163.00 will be charged if the renewal fee is not postmarked on or before January 31, 2025. The penalty will continue to accrue for each year or portion thereof that the renewal fee is not paid. If you have not paid the fees and associated penalties within three years, your registration will be revoked. A registration that has been revoked will not be reinstated, and a new application must be filed for registration. You will also need to meet all current requirements, pay all late fees, and pass the REHS examination.

Remember you must notify the REHS Program in writing of any changes of contact information. Your registration fees are used to support the activities of the REHS Program. We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the REHS Program at (916) 449-5662 or email at REHSprog@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Betty Ho, R.E.H.S.
REHS Program Administrator
Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

This information is requested by the California Department of Public Health under authority of the Health and Safety Code, Sections 106600-106735. This information is mandatory unless otherwise noted and will enable CDPH to maintain a registry of all registered environmental health specialists. Failure to complete the necessary information will result in the denial of the application. No interagency or intergovernmental transfers will be made other than as required by the California Public Records Act. For more information or access to your records, contact the Department of Public Health, EHS Registration Program, 1725 23rd Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, California 95816 or call (916) 449-5662.

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Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program Update August 2024

REHS Program Contact Information

Our mailing address has updated, it is:

California Department of Public Health
Environmental Health Registration Program
1725 23rd Street, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95816-7100

Program contacts are listed below:

Betty Ho, R.E.H.S., REHS Program Administrator	916-210-8541
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A Message From Betty Ho, REHS Program Administrator

I am excited to introduce myself, Betty Ho, as the new REHS Program Administrator for the Environmental Health Registration Program (Program) within the Environmental Health Services Section of the Environmental Management Branch (EMB). I have been with EMB for about 5 years, and I am eager to support and contribute to the ongoing success of the Program. Understanding the importance of communication and collaboration, I am committed to ensuring the Program remains at its best. One key area I plan to enhance is our online presence. You can expect more frequent updates and useful resources to keep everyone informed. Feel free to reach out to the general office number or email the program at REHSprog@cdph.ca.gov with any continuing education questions.

The Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee (EHSRC) – Outgoing Members and Recruitment

The EHSRC is a 10-member appointed committee consisting of the Chief of the Environmental Management Branch (EMB) who acts as the Executive Officer, one member from the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), 2 members of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH), 3 members with at least five years of experience as REHSs, 2 faculty members chosen from a CDPH accredited university environmental health program, one appointee from the Senate Rules Committee and one appointee from the Speaker of the Assembly. We are actively recruiting for a Public Member Appointed by Speaker of the Assembly and a Public Member Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. You must be able to serve on the committee for at least one full term (four years) beginning January 1, 2025. Please contact the office if you are interested or want to help nominate the person for this opportunity.

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

In recent years, the REHS program fund expenditures have exceeded program revenues. The program has drawn down the REHS fund reserve such that it can no longer meet program costs. As a result, the REHS Program will raise the fees associated with registration (renewals and initial), new applications, and exams. As provided for in the Budget Act of 2022, these fees will be increased by 20.30%, effective July 1, 2023. The registration renewal fee for retirees will not increase and will remain at \$25. The associated late fee for retirees (\$13) will also remain unchanged. The new fee schedule (shown as Table 1 below) is posted on the [REHS Website](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx) (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/REHS/REHS.aspx).

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 REHS Fee Schedule

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Application Fee	\$178
Application for Equivalency Determination	\$100
Examination Fee	\$235
Initial Registration Fee	\$327
Renewal Registration Fee	\$327
Late Penalty Fee*	\$163
Renewal Registration Fee – Retirees	\$25
Late Penalty Fee* – Retirees	\$13

* Penalty fees are equal to one half of the renewal registration fee rounded up to the nearest whole dollar amount. Penalties apply to registration fees in arrears over 31 days. As all registrations expire on December 31st, penalties accrue on payments received with a postmark February 1 or later of the following year.