



California Department of Public Health ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION



Application Instructions For Equivalency Determinations

The California Health and Safety Code (CH&S), Section 106725 provides for an equivalency determination for those individuals currently holding a valid certificate of registration as an environmental health specialist or sanitarian. The determination will examine the requirements at the time your certificate was issued by the proper authority of any U.S. state or territory (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa). Current sanitarians or environmental health specialists must meet the following requirements to receive equivalency:

- Educational Requirements - see list of approved coursework attached
- Training and Experience Requirements (CH&S Code, Section 106625, 106635, 106665)
- Exam Retake Rules (CH&S, Section 106670)
- Current, active status of registration as a sanitarian or environmental health specialist
- Initial application fee of \$100.00

STEP ONE: Complete the CDPH Application For Equivalency Determination (Print Legibly or Type) and return with a \$100.00 check or money order payable to the **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION FUND** (no cash). Include a copy of your current Certificate of Registration as a sanitarian or environmental health specialist and an up-to-date resume or Curriculum vitae. The application fee is **NOT REFUNDABLE**. Mail to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
EHS Registration Program
MS 7404, IMS K-2
P.O. BOX 997377
SACRAMENTO, CA 95899-7377

STEP TWO: Submit all applicable official and sealed college transcript(s) to this office.

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OR

Email: REHSprog@cdph.ca.gov

You may be asked to submit additional course syllabus. The REHS Program Administrator will determine if you have completed all the necessary educational requirements.

If it is determined that you successfully meet all requirements for equivalency, the REHS program will award a California Registered Environmental Health Specialist certificate and card upon payment of the initial \$327 Biennial Registration fee. The registration is valid for two years and must be updated to remain active.

Job opportunities are available on the following websites:

[California Environmental Health Association \(CEHA\)](http://www.ceha.org/jobs.html) - (www.ceha.org/jobs.html)

[California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health \(CCDEH\)](http://www.ccdeh.com/) - (www.ccdeh.com/)