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**TITLE 896 BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS**

**Proposed Rule**  
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**DIGEST**

Amends [896 IAC 1-1-1](#) to revise the definition of "board". Amends [896 IAC 1-2-1](#) to revise examination requirements to address outsourcing the licensing examination. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[896 IAC 1-1-1](#); [896 IAC 1-2-1](#)

SECTION 1. [896 IAC 1-1-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[896 IAC 1-1-1](#) Definitions**

**Authority:** [IC 25-32-1-8](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-32](#)

Sec. 1. For the purpose of this rule, establishing standards for the competent practice of an environmental health specialist, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Board" means the Indiana board of environmental health specialists.
- (2) "Practitioner" means a person who is registered as an environmental health specialist under [IC 25-32](#).

*(Board of Environmental Health Specialists; [896 IAC 1-1-1](#); filed Aug 19, 1985, 4:00 p.m.: 9 IR 63; filed Oct 4, 1991, 5:00 p.m. 15 IR 108; readopted filed Jul 10, 2001, 2:58 p.m.: 24 IR 4239; readopted filed Oct 4, 2007, 3:31 p.m.: [20071031-IR-896070072RFA](#))*

SECTION 2. [896 IAC 1-2-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[896 IAC 1-2-1](#) Examination; deadline for applications**

**Authority:** [IC 25-32-1-8](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-32-1-3](#); [IC 25-32-1-5](#)

Sec. 1. (a) Each applicant for registration by examination shall submit the following information:

- (1) **The** application fee required by [896 IAC 1-3-2](#).
- (2) Official transcripts, certified by an accredited college or university, recording successful completion of least:
  - (A) forty-five (45) quarter hours; or
  - (B) thirty (30) semester hours;of academic training in the basic physical, chemical, biological, or sanitary sciences.
- (3) Two (2) unmounted, duplicate passport-quality photographs taken not earlier than one (1) year prior to the date of application, dated and signed in the applicant's handwriting.
- (4) **A** statement from the appropriate agency in each state where the applicant has been registered, certifying whether or not disciplinary proceedings:
  - (A) have ever been initiated; or
  - (B) are presently pending;against the applicant.
- (5) Verification from the supervising employer that the applicant has been employed in the field of environmental health on a full-time basis for at least two (2) years within the preceding five (5) years.

(b) An applicant who:

- (1) holds a master's degree in public health with a major in sanitary science or a science degree higher than a baccalaureate; and
- (2) meets the science requirements set forth in subsection (a);

is only required to submit verification of one (1) year of full-time employment in the field of environmental health within the preceding five (5) years.

(c) With the exception of the employment requirements, all examination candidates shall have completed registration requirements specified by subsection (a) ~~prior to~~ **before** taking the examination.

~~(d) All applications and fees for the examination must be received by the board at least forty-five (45) days prior to the examination.~~

~~(e)~~ **(d)** In order to be registered, an applicant is required to pass an examination developed by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). ~~and given by the health professions bureau.~~

~~(f) In order to pass the examination, an applicant must obtain a score equal to or greater than five tenths (.5) standard deviation below the national mean score for all candidates who have taken that examination.~~

*(Board of Environmental Health Specialists; [896 IAC 1-2-1](#); filed Jan 26, 1987, 3:15 p.m.: 10 IR 1275; filed Apr 5, 1990, 2:50 p.m.: 13 IR 1415; filed Oct 26, 1990, 3:10 p.m.: 14 IR 451; filed Jun 24, 1994, 2:00 p.m.: 17 IR 2654; readopted filed Jul 10, 2001, 2:58 p.m.: 24 IR 4239; readopted filed Oct 4, 2007, 3:31 p.m.: [20071031-IR-896070072RFA](#))*

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