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Division 5
REGISTRATION: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

338-005-0020

Definitions

The following definitions apply to OAR 338-005-0020 through 338-020-0050.

- (1) “CEU” means a continuing education unit and the numerical value determined by the Board to be earned by a renewal applicant by attending a specified training course. The terms “continuing education credit” and “continuing education unit” are synonymous and may be used interchangeably.
- (2) “Duties of an environmental health specialist” means activities which include, but are not limited to, the enforcement of regulations and statutes; planning or conducting surveys, investigations, and inspections; interpretation and utilization of data to promote environmental health as it affects the health of the public or the quality of the environment.
- (3) “Duties of an environmental health specialist trainee” means the utilization of the same skills, responsibilities and activities as the duties of an environmental health specialist, but in a learning, training capacity and under the supervision of a registered or other qualified person as determined by the Board.
- (4) “Duties of a waste water specialist” means activities limited to those identified in ORS 700.056(1).
- (5) “Duties of a waste water specialist trainee” means the utilization of the same skills, responsibilities and activities as the activities of a waste water specialist, but in a learning, training capacity and under the supervision of an environmental health specialist, waste water specialist or other qualified person as determined by the Board.
- (6) “Environmental health” means the art and science of applying sanitary, biological and physical science principles and knowledge to improve and control the environment and factors therein for the protection of the health and welfare of the public.
- (7) “NEHA” means National Environmental Health Association.
- (8) “Office” means the Health Licensing Office.
- (9) “Official Transcript” means an original document certified by an accredited college or university indicating hours and types of coursework, examinations and scores that the student has completed that has been submitted by the accredited college or university.
- (10) “Supervision” means the direction and control exercised over one person by another in a traditional employee/employer relationship. Supervision includes ongoing oversight of work in the field and office, and review of reports, investigations or inspections conducted.
- (11) “Supervisor” means an individual who is overseeing work in the field and office, and reviews reports, investigations or inspections conducted.
- (12) “Trainee Extension” means the renewal of a trainee registration, in one-year increments.

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(13) “Waste water sanitation” means the art and science of applying sanitary, biological and physical science principles in the treatment of waste water and in the evaluation of soil for subsurface or surface disposal of waste water, or for the land application of sludge, and to determine the appropriate design of systems that use soil in the final stage of the waste water treatment process.

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338-005-0030

Fees

(1) Applicants and registrants are subject to the provisions of OAR 331-010-0010 and 331-010-0020 regarding the payment of fees, penalties and charges.

(2) Fees established by the Health Licensing Office are as follows:

(a) Application:

(A) Registration — environmental health specialist: \$150.

(B) Registration — waste water specialist: \$150.

(C) Registration by reciprocity: \$150.

(D) Trainee registration — environmental health specialist: \$150.

(E) Trainee registration — waste water specialist: \$150.

(b) Examinations:

(A) Oregon Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Laws and Rules exam: \$50.

(B) Written — waste water specialist: \$250.

(c) Original issuance of registration (including by reciprocity):

(A) Environmental health specialist: \$150 for one year.

(B) Waste water specialist: \$150 for one year.

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(C) Trainee registration — environmental health specialist: \$150 for one year.

(D) Trainee registration — waste water specialist: \$150 for one year.

(d) Renewal of registration:

(A) Environmental health specialist: \$150 for one year.

(B) Waste water specialist: \$150 for one year.

(C) Environmental health specialist trainee extension: \$150 (one-year increments)

(D) Waste water specialist trainee extension: \$150 (one-year increments)

(e) Other administrative fees:

(A) Late renewal of registration: \$40.

(B) Replacement registration, including name change: \$25.

(C) Affidavit of Licensure: \$50.

(D) Administrative processing fee: \$25.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.560, ORS 700.005-700.240, ORS 700.995 & Senate Bill 844 (2025)

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Division 10
**REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS, WASTE WATER SPECIALISTS,
AND TRAINEES**

338-010-0015

Environmental Health Specialist Application Requirements

An individual applying for an environmental health specialist registration must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application fees;
- (3) Provide documentation of one of the following qualification pathways:
 - (a) Registration Pathway 1 — Qualification through Education and Experience:
 - (A) Bachelor's Degree — An applicant must submit:
 - (i) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and 45 quarter hours or the equivalent semester hours in science courses; and
 - (ii) Proof of the equivalent of two years of experience in environmental health under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist or under a person possessing equal qualifications as described in OAR 338-010-0065; and
 - (iii) Proof of having passed the NEHA REHS/RS Credential Exam; and
 - (iv) Pay registration fees.
 - (B) Graduate Degree — An applicant must submit:
 - (i) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a graduate degree in public health, community health, or another environmental health field from an accredited college or university; and
 - (ii) Proof of the equivalent of one year of experience in environmental health under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist or a person possessing equal qualifications as described in OAR 338-010-0065; and
 - (iii) Proof of having passed the NEHA REHS/RS Credential Exam; and
 - (iv) Pay registration fees.
 - (b) Registration Pathway 2 — Reciprocity. An applicant must submit:
 - (A) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of either:

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- (i) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and 45 hours or the equivalent semester hours in science courses and two years of experience in environmental health under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist or a person with equal qualifications pursuant to OAR 338-010-0065; or
- (ii) A graduate degree in public health, community health, or another environmental health field from an accredited college or university and one year of experience in environmental health under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist or a person with equal qualifications pursuant to OAR 338-010-0065; and
- (B) An affidavit of licensure pursuant to OAR 331-030-0040 demonstrating proof of an active environmental health specialist registration with no current or pending disciplinary action. The registration must have been issued by a regulatory body of another state; and
- (C) Proof of having passed the NEHA REHS/RS Credential Exam; and
- (D) Pay registration fees.
- (c) Registration Pathway 3 — Qualification through NEHA. An applicant must submit:
 - (A) Proof of having an active NEHA credential as a registered environmental health specialist or a registered sanitarian; and
 - (B) Proof of having passed the NEHA REHS/RS Credential Exam; and
 - (C) Pay registration fees.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.560, ORS 700.005-700.240, ORS 700.995 & Senate Bill 844 (2025)

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Waste Water Specialist Application Requirements

An individual applying for a waste water specialist registration must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application fees;
- (3) Provide documentation of one of the following qualification pathways:
 - (a) Registration Pathway 1 — Qualification through Education and Experience:
 - (A) Bachelor's Degree — An applicant must submit:
 - (i) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with at least 45 quarter hours or the equivalent semester hours in soil science courses; and
 - (ii) Proof of the equivalent of two years of experience in waste water treatment, disposal and reuse within this state under the supervision of a registered waste water specialist or equally qualified person as approved by the Board pursuant to OAR 338-010-0065(3); and
 - (iii) Proof of having passed the Oregon Waste Water Specialist examination as set forth in OAR 338-010-0030(2); and
 - (iv) Pay registration fees.
 - (B) Graduate Degree — An applicant must submit:
 - (i) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a graduate degree in soil science from an accredited college or university; and
 - (ii) Proof of the equivalent of one year of experience in waste water treatment, disposal and reuse within this state under the supervision of a registered waste water specialist or by an equally qualified person pursuant to OAR 338-010-0065(3); and
 - (iii) Proof of having passed the Oregon Waste Water Specialist examination as set forth in OAR 338-010-0030(2); and
 - (iv) Pay registration fees.
 - (b) Registration Pathway 2 — Reciprocity. An applicant must submit:
 - (A) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of either a qualifying bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with at least 45 quarter hours or equivalent semester hours in soil science courses; or
 - (B) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of qualifying graduate degree in soil science from an accredited college or university; and

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(C) An affidavit of licensure pursuant to OAR 331-030-0040, demonstrating proof of active registration as a waste water specialist with no current or pending disciplinary action. The registration must have been issued by a regulatory body of another state; and

(D) Pay all registration fees.

(c) Registration Pathway 3 — Graduate Degree and Certification. An applicant must submit:

(A) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of qualifying graduate degree in soil science from an accredited college or university; and

(B) Proof of current certification as a professional soil scientist; and

(C) Proof of having passed the Oregon Waste Water Specialist examination as set forth in OAR 338-010-0030(2); and

(D) Pay registration fees.

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Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Application Requirements

An individual applying for an environmental health specialist trainee registration must:

(1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30;

(2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application fees; and

(3) Submit the following:

(a) Examination fees; and

(b) Proof of having passed the Oregon Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Laws and Rules exam within one year prior to the date of application, pursuant to ORS 700.035 and OAR 338-010-0030(3); and

(c) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of:

(A) Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, at least 45 quarter hours or the equivalent semester hours in science courses; or

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(B) Proof of having at least 15 quarter hours in science courses or their equivalent semester hours and proof of having at least 5 years of experience in environmental health or qualifying pre-registration experience under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist or a supervisor possessing equal qualifications as described in OAR 338-010-0065. Qualifying pre-registration experience is obtained under ORS 700.025 or obtained in a jurisdiction that does not require registration, that is directly related to duties of an environmental health specialist; or

(C) Graduate degree in public health, community health, or another environmental health field in lieu of the qualifying bachelor's degree, pursuant to ORS 700.240(d), and at least 45 quarter hours or the equivalent semester hours in science courses from an accredited college or university; and

(d) Trainee registration fees.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.560, ORS 700.005-700.240, ORS 700.995 & Senate Bill 844 (2025)

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338-010-0025

Waste Water Specialist Trainee Application Requirements

An individual applying for a waste water specialist trainee registration must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 Division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the Office, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application fees; and
- (3) Trainee registration fees; and
- (4) Submit one of the following:
 - (a) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a qualifying bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with at least 45 quarter hours or equivalent semester hours in soil science courses; or
 - (b) An official transcript, as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of a qualifying graduate degree in soil science from an accredited college or university.

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General Examination Information

- (1) The Board-approved examination for an environmental health specialist registration is the NEHA REHS/RS Credential Exam. The examination may be administered by an entity approved by the Office.
- (2) The Board-approved examination for a waste water specialist registration is the Oregon Waste Water Specialist examination, administered by the Office. The passing score for the examination is 68 percent.
- (3) The Board-approved examination for an environmental health specialist trainee is the Oregon Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Laws and Rules examination administered by the Office. The passing score for the examination is 70 percent.
- (4) To be eligible for examination, an applicant must meet identification requirements listed under OAR 331-030-0000.
- (5) The examination is administered in English only, unless an Office-approved testing contractor or vendor provides the examination in languages other than English.
- (6) Examination candidates may be electronically monitored during testing.
- (7) Cellular telephones or any other devices deemed inappropriate by the Office are prohibited in the examination area.
- (8) Candidates taking the waste water examination may use a calculator and text books during the examination.
- (9) Candidates taking the Oregon Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Laws and Rules may use the Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes.
- (10) Candidate conduct that interferes with the examination may result in the candidate's disqualification during or after the examination, the candidate's examination being deemed invalid, and forfeiture of the candidate's examination fees. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) Directly or indirectly giving, receiving, soliciting, attempting to give, receive or solicit aid during the examination process;

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(b) Removing or attempting to remove any examination-related information, notes or materials from the examination site;

(c) Failing to follow directions relative to the conduct of the examination; and

(d) Exhibiting behavior that impedes the normal progress of the examination.

(11) If the candidate's examination is deemed invalid, the candidate may be required to reapply, submit additional examination fees, and request in writing to schedule a new examination date.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.560, ORS 700.005-700.240, ORS 700.995 & Senate Bill 844

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Examination Retake; Qualification

(1) All retake examinations are subject to an approved examination schedule set by the Office.

(2) The applicant must pay all fees associated with examination retakes.

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338-010-0038

Environmental Health and Waste Water Registration Issuance and Renewal

(1) REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL: A registrant is subject to the provisions of OAR Chapter 331, Division 30 regarding the issuance and renewal of a registration, provisions regarding authorization to practice, identification, and requirements for issuance of a duplicate registration.

(2) REGISTRATION RENEWAL: To avoid delinquency penalties, registration renewal must be made prior to the registration entering inactive status. The registrant must submit the following:

(a) Renewal application form; and

(b) Payment of required renewal fee pursuant to 338-005-0030; and

(c) Attestation of having obtained required annual continuing education under OAR 338-020-0030, on a form prescribed by the Office, whether registration is current or inactive.

(3) INACTIVE REGISTRATION RENEWAL: A registration may be inactive for up to three years. When renewing after entering inactive status, the registrant must submit the following:

(a) Renewal application form; and

(b) Payment of delinquency and registration fees pursuant to OAR 338-005-0030; and

(c) Attestation of having obtained required annual continuing education under OAR 338-020-0030, on a form prescribed by the Office, whether registration is current or inactive.

(4) EXPIRED REGISTRATION: A registration that has been inactive for more than three years is expired and the registrant must reapply and meet the requirements listed in OAR 338-010-0015 or 338-010-0016.

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Trainee Registration Extension and Information

- (1) To extend a trainee registration an individual must submit a trainee extension form prescribed by the Office; and
- (2) Pay trainee extension fees.
- (3) A trainee must extend a trainee registration in consecutive, uninterrupted, one-year increments.
- (4) A trainee may extend the trainee registration no more than three times without Board approval. Additional extensions must be approved by the Board.

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Equivalent Supervisor Qualifications

- (1) Environmental Health: A supervising person possesses equal qualifications as a registered environmental health specialist under ORS 700.030(1)(b)(A) and (B) and ORS 700.035(1)(b) and (3) if the person:
 - (a) Holds a bachelor's degree with 45 science quarter hours and the equivalent of two years of experience directly related to the duties of an environmental health specialist; or a graduate degree in public health, community health, or another environmental health field, and the equivalent of one year of experience directly related to the duties of an environmental health specialist; and
 - (b) Gains experience in a manner directly related to the duties of an environmental health specialist throughout the period of supervision.
- (2) Environmental Health: Experience directly related to the duties of an environmental health specialist includes, but is not limited to, any of the following fields:
 - (a) Food processing including developing, managing or leading training in any of the following areas: sanitation programs, pest control, water systems, Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points, statistical process control, or food safety; or

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- (b) Inspector for United States Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Commissioned Corps of Public Health Services, Indian Health Service, or similar organization; or
 - (c) Management a of restaurant chain at the corporate level including developing, managing or leading training in any of the following areas: sanitation programs, public health vector control, water systems, Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points, food safety, the federal codes or process control; or
 - (d) Epidemiology, communicable disease outbreak investigations, hospital infection control; or
 - (e) Performing the duties of an environmental health specialist in a jurisdiction that does not require licensure for environmental health; or
 - (f) Teaching, lecturing or engaging in research in environmental health as part of an academic position in a college or university; or
 - (g) Registered professionals working in drinking water, waste water, soil science, or similar fields; or
 - (h) As a public health officer employed pursuant to ORS 431.035 to 431.510 and 431.705 to 431.990.
- (3) Waste Water: pursuant to ORS 700.053, non-registrant supervisors must be approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 676.560, ORS 700.005-700.240, ORS 700.995 & Senate Bill 844 (2025)

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Environmental Health Qualifying Experience

(1) Qualifying experience for environmental health specialist registration applicants under ORS 700.030(1) must involve the exercise of independent judgment and technical skills that demonstrate the applicant's knowledge of general food safety concepts and contributing factors of foodborne illness, or general drinking and waste water safety concepts and contributing factors of waterborne illness, and must also demonstrate the applicant's knowledge of environmental health and process control. The following experience qualifies:

(a) Food processing including developing, managing or leading training in any of the following areas: sanitation programs, pest control, water systems, Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points, statistical process control, or food safety; or

(b) Inspector for United States Food and Drug Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Commissioned Corps of Public Health Services, Indian Health Service, or similar organizations; or

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- (c) Management of a restaurant chain at the corporate level including developing, managing or leading training in any of the following areas: sanitation programs, public health vector control, water systems, Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points, food safety, the federal codes or process control; or
- (d) Epidemiology, communicable disease outbreak investigations, hospital infection control; or
- (e) Professional work in drinking water, waste water, soil science, or similar fields; or
- (f) Performing the duties of an environmental health specialist in a jurisdiction that does not require licensure for environmental health.
- (2) The following will not be considered as qualifying pre-registration experience:
- (a) Production line work or running repetitive sample evaluations; or
- (b) Experience as a restaurant cook, server or greeter; or
- (c) Pest control or extermination services; or
- (d) Non-licensed sewage disposal service professional.

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Division 20
**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS AND WASTE
WATER SPECIALISTS**

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Continuing Education Requirements

- (1) To maintain registration, environmental health specialists and waste water specialists must complete 10 hours of continuing education every registration year.
- (2) Continuing education hours in excess of those required for the one-year reporting period cannot be carried forward or used to reinstate an inactive registration.
- (3) Each registrant must report compliance with the continuing education requirement through attestation on the registration renewal document. Registrants are subject to OAR 338-020-0050 pertaining to periodic audit of continuing education.
- (4) Continuing education must address subject matter related to environmental health or waste water sanitation.
- (5) At renewal, each registrant must document compliance with the continuing education requirements through attestation on the registration renewal application.
- (6) Continuing education requirements remain in effect during the time the registration is inactive. If an inactive registration is renewed, the holder must attest to having fulfilled all continuing education hours required during the inactive period.
- (7) Records of attendance must be maintained for four years.

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Continuing Education: Audit, Required Documentation and Sanctions

- (1) The Office will audit a select percentage of registrations to verify compliance with continuing education requirements.
- (2) Registrants notified of selection for audit of continuing education attestation must submit to the Office within 30 calendar days from the date of issuance of the notification, satisfactory evidence of participation in required continuing education in accordance with OAR 338-020-0030.
- (3) If selected for audit, the registrant must provide documentation of the required continuing education, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - (a) A certificate of completion, official transcript, statement or affidavit from the sponsor attesting to attendance or other documentation of attendance approved by the Office;
 - (b) Name of sponsoring institution, association or organization;
 - (c) Title of presentation and description of content;
 - (d) Name of instructor or presenter;
 - (e) Date of attendance and duration in hours; and
 - (f) Course agenda provided by the course presenter.
- (4) If documentation of continuing education is incomplete, the registrant has 30 calendar days from the date of notice to submit further documentation to substantiate having completed the required continuing education.
- (5) Failure to meet continuing education requirements shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action, which may include but is not limited to assessment of a civil penalty and suspension or revocation of the registration.

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