

NCREHS Registration Types and Credentialing Per [North Carolina § 90A](#)

Effective October 1, 2023

Registration Type	Applicant Degree Type	Eligible for Full NCREHS Credentials ⁽¹⁾	Science Hours Required Per Statute	Eligible for NCREHS Exam
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Intern (REHSI)	Environmental Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree from National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) Accredited Program	• Earliest – Upon meeting statutory requirements • Latest – 2 years after registration		• Minimum - After board approves registration • Maximum – 2 years
	Public Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree	• Earliest – 1 year after registration • Latest – 2 years after registration		
	Non-Environmental Health or Public Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree	• Earliest – 1 year after registration • Latest – 2 years after registration	Minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	
Additional Registration Types for Those with Previous REHS Experience ⁽²⁾	Applicant with Previous Qualifying REHS Experience in North Carolina	• Earliest – Upon meeting statutory requirements • Latest – 2 years after registration	Minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	Determined on a case-by-case basis
	Applicant with Previous Qualifying REHS Experience Outside of North Carolina			
	Military Applicant with Environmental Health Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)			
	Military Spouse Applicant			

Additional Registration Type, Effective May 1, 2024

Environmental Health Associate (REHSA)	Associate, Bachelor's, or Post Graduate Degree	Earliest - After 5 or more continuous years as a REHSA	Minimum of 15 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	• Minimum – After board approves registration • Maximum – N/A
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- (1) In addition, all applicants must (1) satisfactorily complete NC Centralized Training (CIT), a course in specialized instruction and training approved by the Board in the practice of environmental health, (2) attain NCREHS authorizations, and (3) pass the NCRHES exam
- (2) Applications for previous experience applicant qualifications determined on a case-by-case basis. Contact rehs.board@dhhs.nc.gov for further information