

### Part 3 Licensing

#### **58-20a-301 Licensure required -- License classifications.**

- (1) A person shall hold a license under this chapter in order to engage in the practice of environmental health science while employed by any of the following, except as specifically exempted in Section 58-20a-305 or 58-1-307:
  - (a) a local health department;
  - (b) the state Department of Health;
  - (c) the state Department of Human Services;
  - (d) the Department of Agriculture and Food as a food and dairy compliance officer; or
  - (e) a local health department as its director of environmental health services.
- (2) Any other individual not subject to Subsection (1) may also be licensed under this chapter upon compliance with all requirements.
- (3) The division shall issue to persons who qualify under this chapter a license in the classification:
  - (a) environmental health scientist; or
  - (b) environmental health scientist-in-training.

Amended by Chapter 82, 1997 General Session

#### **58-20a-302 Qualifications for licensure.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), an applicant for licensure as an environmental health scientist shall:
  - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
  - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
  - (c) be of good moral character;
  - (d) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited program in a university or college, which degree includes completion of specific coursework as defined by rule;
  - (e) pass an examination as determined by division rule in collaboration with the board; and
  - (f) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists administered by the division.
- (2) An applicant for licensure who is currently actively engaged in the practice of environmental health science in Utah on July 1, 1995, and has been practicing in Utah for at least three consecutive months immediately prior to July 1, 1995, shall:
  - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
  - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
  - (c) be of good moral character;
  - (d) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited program in a university or college, which degree includes completion of specific coursework as defined by rule;
  - (e) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists administered by the division; and
  - (f) submit an affidavit from the applicant's immediate supervisor in the applicant's employment, attesting to the applicant's competence to practice environmental health science.
- (3) An applicant for licensure as an environmental health scientist-in-training shall:
  - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
  - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
  - (c) be of good moral character;

- (d) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited program in a university or college, which degree includes completion of specific coursework as defined by rule;
- (e) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists administered by the division; and
- (f) present evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the applicant, when licensed, will practice as an environmental health scientist-in-training only under the general supervision of a supervising environmental health scientist licensed under this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 183, 2009 General Session

**58-20a-303 Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

- (1)
  - (a) The division shall issue each license for an environmental health scientist in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule.
  - (b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.
- (2) Each license for an environmental health scientist-in-training shall be issued for a term of two years and may not be renewed.
- (3) Each license issued under this chapter automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless the licensee renews it in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

Enacted by Chapter 95, 1995 General Session

**58-20a-304 Continuing education.**

Each person holding a license under this chapter as an environmental health scientist or an environmental health scientist-in-training shall complete in each two-year period of licensure not fewer than 30 hours of professional continuing education in accordance with standards defined by division rule.

Enacted by Chapter 95, 1995 General Session

**58-20a-305 Exemptions from licensure.**

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, a person is exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter if:

- (1) the person's practice of environmental health science is limited to inspecting in order to enforce compliance with an inspection and maintenance program established pursuant to Section 41-6a-1642 or to issuing permits under that program;
- (2) the person is a laboratory staff person employed by the Department of Agriculture and Food or the Department of Health, and in his employment inspects, permits, certifies, or otherwise enforces laboratory standards in laboratories regulated by state or local public health laws; or
- (3) the person is the local health officer of a local public health department which employs a director of environmental health services licensed under this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 2, 2005 General Session

**58-20a-306 Holders of license under predecessor law.**

An individual who has been issued a Utah license as a registered sanitarian prior to July 1, 1995, under any state licensing act in effect prior to the effective date of this chapter, and

who holds that license as of July 1, 1995, may engage in the practice of environmental health science under his existing license and may renew or reinstate that license in accordance with the provisions of Section 58-1-308, under the classification of environmental health scientist, without meeting the qualifications for licensure under Subsection 58-20a-302(1).

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