

Current Registered Sanitarian Requirements	As Proposed in House State and Local Government Committee Licensing Review	OEHA's Comments/Proposals/Rationale
<p><b>Degree and Experience Requirements to become Registered as a Sanitarian:</b></p> <p><i>ORC 4736.08: (A) Graduated from an accredited college or university with at least a baccalaureate degree, including at least forty-five quarter units or thirty semester units of science courses approved by the director; and completed at least two years of full-time employment as a sanitarian;</i></p> <p><i>(B) Graduated from an accredited college or university with at least a baccalaureate degree, completed a major in environmental health science which included an internship program approved by the director; and completed at least one year of full-time employment as a sanitarian;</i></p> <p><i>(C) Graduated from an accredited college or university with a degree higher than a baccalaureate degree, including at least forty-five quarter units or thirty semester units of science courses approved by the director; and completed at least one year of full-time employment as a sanitarian.</i></p>	<p><b>Degree and Experience Requirements to become Registered as a Sanitarian:</b></p> <p>-Maintains educational degree requirements as is currently required.</p> <p>-Proposes to reduce the experience requirement based on the degree type. BS in Environmental Health would allow an individual to register as a Registered Sanitarian as soon as they successfully pass a national examination.</p> <p>-Individuals who do not have a Bachelor's degree in EH would need to obtain one year of full time work experience and successfully pass the national examination in order to advance to Registered Sanitarian</p>	<p><b>Degree and Experience Requirements to become Registered as a Sanitarian:</b></p> <p>-Maintain educational requirements as currently required by ORC 4736.08.</p> <p>-Maintain current experience requirements needed to advance to Registered Sanitarian.</p> <p>Rationale: Individuals who have a bachelor's degree in EH have the necessary and specific sciences courses needed to provide background information on all environmental health programs. Individuals who do not meet the bachelor's degree in EH requirement, need more time to learn the necessary and specific sciences which apply to EH programs. The examination is necessary for both groups as it measure the knowledge of the EH sciences. The years of experience allow individuals time to learn the laws, rules, and regulations that pertain to EH. This time period of being "in-training" is essential to learning the applicable codes/rules/laws, and allows them to perform all functions of their position under the supervision of a registered sanitarian. This is a best-practice identified by the National Environmental Health Association.</p>
<p><b>Examination:</b> Board Administered (currently the only option is the NEHA examination).</p>	<p><b>Examination:</b> Changes to a national licensing exam from a Board administered exam.</p>	<p><b>Examination:</b> Support the national standard licensing examination.</p>

<p><b>Continuing Education and License Renewal:</b>  <b><u>OAC4736-11-03</u></b>  <b><u>4736-11-01 Provisions for issuing certificate.</u></b>  <b><u>ORC 4736.11 Certificate of registration</u></b></p> <p>-18 board approved continuing education hours per year</p> <p>-Annual license which expires on either January 31 or June 30</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education and License Renewal:</b></p> <p>Two years license period with 20 hours of CEUs</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education and License Renewal:</b></p> <p>We support the two year license period, but would request that the CEUS be set to 24 hours per 2 years. This is the national standard as set by the National Environmental Health Association</p>
<p><b>Fees:</b></p> <p>Current RS Initial Application Fee: \$160.00  RS Renewal Fee \$90.00</p> <p>Current SIT Initial Application: \$80.00  SIT Renewal: \$90.00</p>	<p><b>Fees:</b></p> <p>Proposed RS Initial Application Fee: \$100.00  RS Renewal Fee \$75.00</p> <p>Proposed: SIT Initial Application: \$50.00  SIT Renewal: \$35.00</p>	<p><b>Fees:</b></p> <p>We support proposed changes to the RS fees.</p> <p>We support proposed changes to the SIT Fees. This is especially impactful because the national examination cost is \$575.</p>
<p><b>SIT License Renewal and Continuing Education:</b></p> <p>-18 board approved continuing education hours per year</p> <p>-Annual license which expires on either January 31 or June 30</p>	<p><b>SIT License Renewal and Continuing Education:</b></p> <p>Changes license duration to three years and eliminates 18 CEUs down to zero.</p>	<p><b>SIT License Renewal and Continuing Education:</b></p> <p>Create an annual license for Sanitarian-In-Trainings which would require half of the CEUs required by the registered sanitarians (12).</p> <p>Rationale: Most SITs are already in the workforce performing duties under the supervision of a registered sanitarian. The CEUs should be required to ensure that SITs are up-to-date on regulations and changing sciences of EH just as registered sanitarians are. Additionally, most often these CEUs are directly beneficial for the SIT to successfully pass the national examination and become a registered sanitarian.</p>