



Eligibility Self-Assessment Form (2015-08-01)

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This self-assessment is a simple check list of eligibility requirements for people interested in pursuing the CIH[®] credential. Please complete this form before contacting ABIH[®], so that we can better assist you.

If you are unable to check all of the boxes below, it may mean that you have an eligibility gap that must be closed.

Academic Degree

- A.** I have at least a 4-year Bachelor's degree from a U.S. college or university that is accredited by a U.S. Department of Education (USDE) recognized regional or national accreditation agency, or a degree from an appropriately-accredited foreign institution that is academically equivalent to a U.S Bachelor's degree.
- B.** I have had at least 60 U.S. Academic Semester Credits/900 contact hours* of college or university coursework in science, science-based technology, engineering or math (STEM).
- C.** At least 25% of my STEM coursework hours shown above (15 U.S. Academic Semester Credits/225 contact hours) are at the 3rd-year (Junior), 4th-year (Senior), or Graduate level.

IH Specific Coursework (Academic or Continuing-Education)

- D.** I have had at least 12 U.S. Academic Semester Credits/180 contact hours of Industrial Hygiene (IH) coursework from a college or university, or 240 contact hours from a continuing-education provider.
- E.** At least 50% of my IH coursework hours (6 U.S. Academic Semester Credits/90 Contact Hours from a college or university, or 120 Contact Hours from a continuing-education provider) are in Fundamentals of IH, Toxicology, Measurements and Controls.
- F.** I have had at least 2 contact hours of ethics training from a college, university or continuing-education provider.

Professional Practice Experience

- G.** I have at least 4 years of professional level comprehensive industrial hygiene practice.
- Bachelors graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program may receive 6 months of experience credit.
 - Masters graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program or Doctoral graduates from an IH program may receive 1 year of experience credit.
- H.** I have broad-scope, professional-level IH experience in at least two of the following occupational health stressor categories: Chemical, Physical, Biological or Ergonomics.
- I.** I am currently practicing industrial hygiene at the professional level.

Next Steps:

1. If you have checked all of the boxes above, you probably meet the ABIH[®] eligibility requirements to sit for the CIH[®] exam. Please continue to review your qualifications on the Eligibility portion of the ABIH[®] web site.
2. If you have questions about the information on this form:
 - a. Additional detail is available on the ABIH[®] web site (www.abih.org) and in the *Candidate Handbook*.
 - b. If you would like to email us (abih@abih.org) a completed copy of your self-assessment with your contact information, we would be happy to suggest ways to close gaps that you have identified.
 - c. Also, feel free to call us (517-321-2638 Ext.5765) if you have questions. We will be glad to clarify any items on the checklist and discuss the options to increase your eligibility.

* 1 U.S. Academic Semester Credit = 15 contact hours from a U.S. college or university