



BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

BGC Spring 2022 Announcements

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Announcing the Launch of Our New Website!

A lot of change has been happening to BGC over the last few years, and as 2022 begins, we continue these improvements by launching a new website to give you an easy, streamlined experience. We have combined all our certifications in one place. Individual areas for practitioners, applicants, and the general public provide visitors with quick access to information that meets their needs. See it for yourself at GoBGC.Org.

For a quick introduction video of the new website, click [here](#).

Aligning the QEP Credential for CM

We are excited to announce two more changes designed to improve the management of QEP recertification and assure that all BGC certifications follow best practices.

1. Currently, QEPs recertify on their 5-year anniversary of being credentialed. This results in recertification documents being processed twelve months each year. Starting January 1, 2022, we will be streamlining recertification dates from twelve months to two (fall and spring) with extensions available if you need them.

Spring: If your current recertification date occurs between January 1 and June 30, your new recertification due date will be August 1.

Fall: If your current recertification date occurs between July 1 and December 31, your new recertification due date will be February 1 of the following year.

This change will give you from one to six months longer to submit your recertification paperwork with no additional fees or requirements. Recertification paperwork arriving **after** the new deadlines will be subject to a \$100 late fee; however, if you anticipate a problem meeting your new deadline, just contact us as soon as possible for an extension. Please see the following table for details and the [QEP Recertification Handbook](#) pages on our website for additional information.

			Penalties		
Passed the Exam	60 Month Cycle Start/End Dates	Submit Points	\$100 Late Fee	Include Audit Records	Last Day to Submit
Spring	July 1 – June 30	Mar 1 – Aug 1	Aug 2 – Nov 1	Oct 1 – Nov 1	Nov 1
Fall	Jan 1 – Dec 31	Sept 1 – Feb 1	Feb 2 – May 1	April 1 – May 1	May 1

2. In addition, BGC is dedicated to promoting ethical practice and integrity among all our credentialed professionals. Beginning in 2023, we will require two hours of ethics education as part of your 5-year recertification cycle for consistency with requirements for CIH, CPEA, CPSA, and CPPS credential holders.

Attestations for CIH

BGC has added a recertification checklist to the Ethics declaration for CIH recertification. The checklist is based on the items that are most frequently miscategorized by CIHs when they are submitting their recertification points. After CIHs enter their requirements for recertification into the Computer Application Portfolio system (CAPS) and the submission window opens, they "Apply for Recertification" by confirming the following statements:

- Information made to maintain and recertify my credential is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I have records to substantiate my entries if needed.
- Entries made in category 4 are IH (IH/OH, IH/EHS Management, Environmental, Health), Ethics, Management (General), or Safety (subject area is more acute hazard oriented) related.
- IH Entries in category 4A align to the Subject Areas (Rubrics) or Exam Blueprint.
- Entries in category 4 are at least 1 hour (ethics can be less, equaling a total of 2 hours).
- Entries in category 4 are made in the correct "sub" categories including conferences.
- I only claimed the same course once. Examples: Webinars, HAZWOPER, and Asbestos Refreshers.
- I have not claimed First Aid or AED courses (these are not eligible for CM credit).
- Ethics education is only claimed in category 4B Ethics.
- Ethics courses have a title or topic (not generic such as 2020 Ethics).
- I have not claimed teaching as education (including Ethics).
- The hours claimed for conferences are what were allowed for the year claimed **OR** I did not claim conferences.
- Teaching and Presenting entries meet the requirements **OR** I did not claim Teaching/Presenting.

We hope that the checklist will remind CIHs to verify that their CM worksheets are completed correctly to avoid point losses that can slow down or even jeopardize their recertification.

Now Accepting BGC Award Nominations

The date for submitting nominations for the **BGC Lifetime Achievement Award** and the **BGC Impact Award** is quickly approaching. Submissions must be received by BGC on or before April 15, 2022, to qualify for the 2022 awards.

These awards are designed to recognize the contributions of BGC Diplomates (Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist or Certified Industrial Hygienist) to the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene at different stages of their career. The Impact Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has been a Diplomat for less than 20 years, whereas the Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes contributions that have culminated over a lifetime of work. Nominees

must be a CIH Diplomate of BGC. More information regarding these awards and the submission process can be found on the [BGC website](#).

The IH awards will be presented at the AIHce meeting in May.

The deadline for submitting **James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award** and **QEP Annual Award** nominations is also approaching. Submissions must be received by BGC on or before June 15, 2022, to qualify for the 2022 awards.

The prestigious BEAC James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award is conferred by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing to a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA) or Certified Process Safety Auditor (CPSA) who has made significant contributions to the environmental, health, and safety audit profession throughout his or her career. The award is given in honor of Jim Ball, an environmental, health, and safety auditor who was a leader in the profession, a tireless volunteer for BEAC (Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications), and a staunch advocate of EHS auditor certifications. More information regarding this award and the submission process can be found at [James C. Ball Award - Board for Global EHS Credentialing](#).

The QEP Annual Award is conferred by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing to Qualified Environmental Professionals, Environmental Professionals In-Training, or Qualified Environmental Professionals who voluntarily surrendered the credential who have made exceptional contributions to the environmental profession or to society at large. More information regarding this award and the submission process can be found at [Nomination Guidelines for the QEP Annual Award](#).

The QEP and Auditing awards will be presented at the BGC Forum in Fall 2022.



Farewell to Ron Drafta

Ron Drafta has retired from BGC after over 17 years of service.

Ron joined BGC in December of 2004 and has made an outstanding contribution over the years as BGC's Examination Director. We will truly miss his presence as a colleague and as a friend. We wish him well as he enjoys retirement!



Reminder: CIH Exam Blueprint Has Been Updated

As we reported in December's newsletter, a Job Task Analysis panel met to evaluate the scope of industrial hygiene practice in preparation for the Spring 2022 Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) examination. The panel identified the domains, tasks, knowledge, and skills essential to the performance of a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH). You can view the updated CIH exam blueprint on the [BGC Website](#).



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Proposals

Young investigators interested in studying and reducing hazards in the workplace are encouraged to apply for a Pilot Project Research Training grant from the University of Michigan. One-year grants of up to \$20,000 are competitively offered to doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty at colleges and universities in six U.S. states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 5:00 pm EDT.

For more details, go to <http://umpprt.org>.



[Don't forget to check out our blog.](#) It is updated regularly with interesting and informative posts from our Board members. To celebrate Black History Month, this month's blog, written by BGC Board Vice-Chair Subena Colligan, discusses the amazing legacy of inventor Garrett A. Morgan.



Wear Your BGC Credential In Style!

Visit our online store at <https://bgcnow.qbstores.com/> to purchase name-brand items customized with your BGC credential. The site includes a selection of items from shirts to jackets, duffle bags, hats, fleece, and more.

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Upcoming Certification Deadlines

Please be aware of the following deadlines for BGC credentialing programs. Be sure to pay all fees and submit all application or recertification materials before the deadline to avoid late charges.

Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)

CIH examinations are offered in the spring and fall of each year. All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- Application/reapplication deadline for Fall 2022 is August 1, 2022
- Application/reapplication deadline for Spring 2023 is February 1, 2023

CIH recertification/certification-maintenance (CM) deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your certificate or [log in to your CAPS profile](#) to determine your deadline.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending June 30, 2022 is August 1, 2022
- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA)

CPEAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CM/CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your Attestation of Recertification Activities form can be found through the online [CPEA CM Handbook - Documents and Forms](#) page.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

Certified Professional Process Safety Auditor (CPSA)

CPSAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CM/CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your Attestation of Recertification Activities form can be found through the online [CPSA CM Handbook - Documents and Forms](#) page.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS)

All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- CPPS application deadline for Fall 2022 is **June 1, 2022**

CPPS recertification deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your BGC certificate to confirm your deadline.

- Recertification deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2025 is August 1, 2025
- Recertification deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2025 is February 1, 2026

Environmental Professional In-Training (EPI)

The EPI designation has no requirement for recertification; however, you may only hold the designation for seven years without sitting for the QEP exam.

Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)

QEP recertification deadlines are on a five-year cycle, on the last day of the month in which you originally passed your QEP exam.

- [Please log in to your QEP profile](#) to confirm your deadline date.

Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist (CAIH)

CAIH recertification/certification-maintenance (CM) deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle.

- CM deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2022 is August 1, 2022
- CM deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

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