



# CIH Eligibility Checklist



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This is a simple checklist of eligibility requirements for people interested in pursuing the CIH® credential. Please complete this form before contacting BGC® so that we can better assist you. If you are unable to check all the boxes below, it may mean that you have an eligibility gap that must be closed.

<b>Academic Degree</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>A.</b> I have at least a U.S. bachelor’s degree or equivalent from a college/university that is accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) or a nationally- or regionally authorized agency. (Non-U.S./Canadian graduates require evaluation reports from a NACES or AICE member organization.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B.</b> I have 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). One U.S. academic semester credit = 15 contact hours from a U.S. college or university.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C.</b> At least 25% of my STEM coursework hours above (15 U.S. academic semester credits/225 contact hours) are at the upper level (beyond intermediate: 3rd-year (Junior), 4th-year (Senior), or Graduate level.)
<b>IH-Specific (Academic or Continuing Education)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>D.</b> I have 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E.</b> 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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>F.</b> I have at least 2 documentable contact hours of ethics training from a college, university, or a continuing-education provider.
<b>Professional Practice Experience</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>G.</b> I have at least 4 years of professional-level, comprehensive industrial hygiene practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor’s graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program may receive 6 months of experience credit.</li> <li>• Master’s graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program or Doctoral graduates from an IH program may receive 1 year of experience credit.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>H.</b> I have broad-scope, professional-level IH experience in at least two of the following occupational health stressor categories: Chemical, Physical, Biological, or Ergonomic.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I.</b> I am currently practicing industrial hygiene at the professional level.
<b>Professional References for Your Application</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>J.</b> At least two supervisors will provide references for the duration of my professional practice experience.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>K.</b> I will take one of the following actions to document my professional-level IH/OH work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request a reference from a CIH</li> <li>• Request a reference from someone certified at the professional level by an organization whose IH/OH certification scheme is recognized by the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA)</li> <li>• Provide three work samples demonstrating a range of broad-scope industrial hygiene activities covering the duration of my professional practice experience being claimed</li> </ul>
<b>Ethical Practice</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>L.</b> I have not been involved in any unethical behavior and I will adhere to the <i>BGC Code of Ethics</i> .
<b>Fees</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>G.</b> I am able to pay all fees required to obtain and hold the credential including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application/Reapplication Fee</li> <li>• Examination Fee</li> <li>• Annual Dues (after passing the exam)</li> </ul>

**Application Steps:** (Check the BGC website for any updates.)

1. Review the *CIH Candidate Handbook* website pages, as they contain information on the application process, eligibility, and exam requirements. Complete the eligibility checklist for your own benefit.
2. Complete the online Application (in CAPS): educational background (degree/s, STEM, IH, Ethics), work experience, and references. Upload supporting documentation for IH and Ethics, as needed.
3. Pay the non-refundable Application Fee.
4. Request *official* transcripts or secure e-transcripts. International applicants should order an *official* Evaluation Report.
5. Request that your references complete the online *Professional Reference Questionnaire (PRQ)*.
6. Check CAPS for updates, progress, and items needed to complete your application.

**Please Note:** BGC does not offer detailed preliminary reviews of applications/submissions. The review takes place after the application is completed and the application fee is paid.