



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## BGC September 2022 Announcements

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## BGC Virtual Forum

**Save the Date for the 2022 BGC Virtual  
Forum**

BGC Board members and staff will once again be holding the BGC Virtual Forum and Award Presentations for BGC certified practitioners\*, individuals interested in pursuing BGC certification, and friends of BGC. This year's event will share important organization developments and initiatives affecting certificants and applicants such as:

- Changes to BGC Certificates
- Environmental Exam Updates
- Auditing Exam Updates
- New Organizational Collaborations
- and more

In addition, we will introduce you to our most recently-elected Board members and will celebrate the achievements of our peers by recognizing the 2022 recipients of the Lynn C. O'Donnell IH Lifetime Achievement Award, the IH Impact Award, and the James C. Ball EHS Auditing Lifetime Achievement Award.

As in previous years, there will be an opportunity for attendees to engage Board members and staff in open dialog about BGC's strategic initiatives, which will be followed by a drawing for an annual fee waiver.

Please save the date for the BGC Virtual Forum and Award Presentations, which will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. U.S. Eastern time (16:00 to 17:30 GMT). Space is limited, and registration is free through the link below:

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7678009969452795664>

\*The BGC® Forum will be an important event for Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs), Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs), Certified Professional Product Stewards (CPPSs), Certified Professional EHS Auditors (CPEAs), Certified Process Safety Auditors (CPSAs), and Environmental Professionals In-Training (EPIs).

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## Updating QEP Exam Blueprint

The Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) is the first and only multi-media, multi-disciplinary, fully-accredited credential that requires environmental professionals to have a broad perspective and to have the knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems. Through the QEP certification, environmental professionals demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge and experience by meeting eligibility requirements, which include passing the General Environmental Science (GES) Exam and the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) Exam.

The Environmental Professional In-Training (EPI) program is an optional first step toward obtaining QEP status for environmental students and professionals just beginning their careers. Holding the EPI designation allows students who anticipate entering the environmental field, or for graduates who have entered the field within the last five years, to demonstrate personal knowledge by meeting eligibility requirements and passing the General Environmental Science (GES) exam.

Thirty-five environmental professionals were appointed to GES and QEP Job Analysis (JA) Panels, with 17 and 18 members respectively, by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing® (BGC®). They were given the responsibility of identifying the domains, tasks, knowledge, and skills essential to the performance of an EPI and a QEP. Working closely with the psychometric and testing services company, Certiverse, the panelists were instrumental in evaluating environmental practice and combining four separate QEP specialty areas - water quality; air quality; waste management; and environmental science, management, and policy - into comprehensive content outlines for updating the two exams. A sample of Qualified Environmental Professionals then validated the content outlines to create the GES

and QEP examination blueprints. The JA panelists and QEPs validating the content outlines represented a variety of practice settings, geographic regions, educational levels, and years of experience.

The updated QEP and EPI/GES exam blueprints can be viewed on the [BGC website](#).



## **Stay Tuned for BGC Digital Certificates in 2023**

BGC will be making its certificates available online in an effort to make them more accessible to all practitioners holding a BGC credential or designation. More information will be shared over the coming weeks at the BGC Virtual Forum.

# blog

Don't forget to check out our [blog](#). It is updated regularly with interesting and informative posts from our Board members. This month's blog, "Invisible or Irresistible? Why a Certification Matters," was written by BGC Board member Paula Steven. In it, she discusses how obtaining a BGC certification results in higher standards, better quality, and better care for the environment and the public.



## Wear Your BGC Credential In Style!

Visit our online store at <https://bgcnw.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.

- No minimum purchase
  - Generous first-time and ongoing discounts
  - Flat-rate shipping
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## Calendar of Events

Want to know what is happening with BGC and other EHS organizations? Check out our [Events Calendar](#) on our website!

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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, then reviewed and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- Application/reapplication deadline for Spring 2023 is February 1, 2023
- Application/reapplication deadline for Fall 2023 is August 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 December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023
- CM deadline for the cycle ending June 30, 2023 is August 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, then reviewed and approved in order to sit for the exam.

- CPPS application deadline for Fall 2022 is **February 1, 2023**

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

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