



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.

Academic Degree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. 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 may require evaluation reports from a NACES or AICE member organization.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	C. 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.)
IH-Specific (Academic or Continuing Education)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. 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"/>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. I have at least 2 documentable contact hours of ethics training from a college, university, or a continuing-education provider.
Professional Practice Experience	
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. I have at least 4 years of professional-level, comprehensive industrial hygiene practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program may receive 6 months of experience credit. • Master's graduates from an ABET-accredited IH program or Doctoral graduates from an IH program may receive 1 year of experience credit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	H. 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"/>	I. I am currently practicing industrial hygiene at the professional level.
Professional References for Your Application	
<input type="checkbox"/>	J. At least two professional references will provide information based on first hand knowledge to the quality of professional practice for the duration of my experience claimed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	K. I will take one of the following actions to document my professional-level IH/OH work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request a reference from a CIH. • 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). • Provide three work samples demonstrating a range of broad-scope industrial hygiene activities covering the duration of my professional practice experience being claimed. • Request a panel review of professional practice experience being claimed.
Ethical Practice	
<input type="checkbox"/>	L. I have not been involved in any unethical behavior and I will adhere to the <i>BGC Code of Ethics</i> .
Fees	
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. I am able to pay all fees required to obtain and hold the credential including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application/Reapplication Fee • Examination Fee • Annual Dues (after passing the exam)

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.