The Certified Chemical Hygiene Officer examination is a 3-hour exam that consists of 150 multiple-choice questions covering both the theoretical, fundamental, and practical aspects of chemical health and safety.

Questions are concerned with the OSHA Laboratory Standard; other pertinent regulations; standard operating procedures; hazard assessment; safe work practices; industrial hygiene practices; safe laboratory practices; hazard classes; procedures for handling carcinogens, reproductive toxins, highly toxic substances, and substances with unknown toxicity; engineering control measures (lab ventilation and hoods); operational practices; personal protective equipment; exposure monitoring; employee training and information; medical surveillance and monitoring; emergency preparedness; waste management; laboratory visitors, contractors, maintenance personnel, etc.; record keeping and documentation; and audits, inspections, and self-evaluations.

Application fee is $100; Exam fee is $125; Reexamination fee is $125.00; CCHO Renewal fee is $75 for 1 year, or $200 for 3 years.

Education and experience requirements for CHO certification exam
Academic training (no degree) with at least 16 semester hours (24 quarter hours) in chemical, physical, biological, industrial hygiene, environmental, or health and safety sciences from an institution acceptable to the Board and at least 3 years of experience in chemical health and safety.

Associate’s degree with above requirements from an institution acceptable to the Board and at least 2 years of experience in chemical health and safety.

Bachelor's degree with above requirements from an institution acceptable to the Board and at least 1 year of experience in chemical health and safety.

Master’s degree with above requirements from an institution acceptable to the Board and at least 1 year of experience in chemical health and safety.

Doctoral degree with above requirements from an institution acceptable to the Board and at least 1 year of experience in chemical health and safety.

Acceptable institutions are institutions of higher education in the US and Canada accredited by a regional accrediting association or whose pertinent program is accredited by a national accrediting agency. **Transcripts are sent by institutions directly to NRCC.** Applicants with education outside the US and Canada must, at their expense, have credentials evaluated for equivalence by an acceptable evaluation agency for foreign transcript evaluations. A list of acceptable evaluation agencies will be provided by the Board. Reports must show course titles and hours and must be sent by agencies directly to NRCC.

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