

Registered Professional Hygienist Registration & Examination Board (RPH R&EB)

Registered Professional Hygienist Registration & Examination Board (RPH R&EB) is set up by the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene (HKIOEH) with an aim to enhance the professional development of Occupational Hygienists and to provide a path for persons who reach professional maturity in the field of occupational hygiene to obtain qualification recognised by peer professionals. RPH R&EB is responsible to set criteria for registration as Registered Professional Hygienist (RPH), to determine eligibility of candidates to sit the qualifying examination and also to run the re-registration programme of Registered Professional Hygienist. A separate examination board is also formed by RPH R&EB to set examination questions, to determine the passing scores and to maintain the examination in a standard meeting the practice as recognised by the National Accreditation recognition (NAR) Committee of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA). The examination operated by HKIOEH consists of one written part and an oral part.

I) Registration of professional hygienists

Members of HKIOEH who pass both the written examination and the oral examination subsequently can be registered as Registered Professional Hygienist with a designation “RPH”.

The full registration fee and annual membership fee must be paid up before the applicant can be enrolled and accepted as Registered Professional Hygienist. In the maintenance of the professional qualification of RPH, the registrant must pay up his/her annual membership fee also in the subsequent years. The current RPH registration/ re-certification fee is HK\$ 500 for a 5-year cycle.

Non-members of HKIOEH who pass both the written examination and the oral examination subsequently can be registered as RPH also. The registration fee is HK\$1,000 for a 5-year cycle and the status of an affiliated HKIOEH membership will be granted to the person upon success of the application for the 5-year cycle.

II) Qualification and Experience of candidate to sit the RPH examination

- a. Members of HKIOEH or persons who have launch the application to be the members of HKIOEH.

- b. Candidate must have a degree or a postgraduate degree in science, engineering, occupational hygiene, health and safety or equivalent.
- c. Working experience in occupational and environmental hygiene:-
- 3-year experience or more is required to be eligible to sit in the written part of the examination;
 - 5-year experience or more is required to be eligible to sit in written and oral part of the examination at the same time.
- d. Certification of working experience could be done by the full members of the HKIOEH, or person who is familiar with the working experience of the candidate. RPH R&EB will hold an interview, whenever necessary, to determine whether the candidate is qualified for the purpose or not.

e. Exemption

Candidate with the following qualification or equivalent can be exempted from the written part of the RPH examination and be allowed direct entry to the oral of the examination.

- The candidate has obtained the qualification of a scheme set for a “Certified examination” of Industrial or Occupational Hygienists as recognised by the National Accreditation recognition (NAR) Committee of IOHA, e.g. the examination scheme for the certified industrial hygienist (CIH) administered by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH).

f. Deadline for application of the examination

The written examination date is normally held in April - June. The oral examination will normally be arranged upon the success of the written examination within two months after the announcement of the written result or acceptance of the qualification equivalent to the written examination. Application for the examination should normally reach HKIOEH by 30 November of the year before the examination.

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