

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL AND
EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR
REGISTRATION AS SANITARIAN**

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INTRODUCTION

These amended *Rules and Regulations Establishing Educational and Experience Requirements For Registration as Sanitarian* [R23-19.3-SAN] are promulgated pursuant to the authority conferred under section 23-19.3-3 and 23-19.3-4 of the General Laws of Rhode Island of 1956, as amended. They are established for the purpose of adopting minimum standards for registration as a sanitarians.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 42-35-3(c) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, the following issues were given serious consideration in arriving at the amended regulations:

- (a) Alternative approaches to the regulations; and
- (b) Duplication or overlap with other state laws and regulations.

Based on the available information, no known alternative approach, duplication or overlap was identified.

Upon promulgation, these amended regulations shall supersede all previous *Rules and Regulations Establishing Educational and Experience Requirements For Registration as Sanitarian* promulgated by the Department of Health and filed with the Secretary of State.

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Section 1.0 *Definitions*

- 1.1 ***Year Of College:*** A year of college shall mean thirty (30) semester hours of credit with passing grades in course work in an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee.
- 1.2 ***Basic Sciences:*** Fifteen (15) semester hours of credit of basic sciences must be included in the total presented for the two years of college and should consist of sciences basic to sanitation, namely, such as biological and physical sciences. (Bacteriology, botany, zoology are examples of biological sciences; physics and chemistry, geology, mathematics are examples of physical sciences.)
- 1.3 ***Documentary Evidence:*** Documentary evidence shall mean official documents to substantiate experience, transcript of college record, or graduation or college attendance verified by the designated institution.
- 1.4 ***Official Employment In A Governmental Regulatory Agency:*** The condition cited in section 23-19.3-7 of the General Laws of R.I., as amended,...." is presently serving as health or sanitary inspector with an official government regulatory agency...." shall mean is serving in a full time permanent capacity in an official health agency.
- 1.5 ***Special Training Course:*** Special training course shall mean a course equivalent to the three months course in general environmental sanitation offered by the United States Public Health Service or the Rhode Island Department of Health. Aggregates of lesser courses will not be considered adequate merely if their total duration equals three months, but their total course content must also be equivalent. Duplications of like courses will be credited once only.
- 1.6 ***Approved School Of Public Health:*** An approved school of public health shall mean any school which grants a bachelor's degree in sanitary science or technology or master's degree in sanitation or public health, and which is on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee.
- 1.7 ***Year Of Experience:*** One year of experience means actual performance of work in public health sanitation on a full time basis for one year. Part time work must be shown in terms of proportion of full time work and of the duration of the part time work so that accurate equivalents can be credited.

Section 2.0 *Minimum Standards*

- (a) Bachelor's degree in sanitary science from an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee; or
- (b) Bachelor's degree in sanitary engineering from an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee; or
- (c) Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 30 semester hours of credit of basic sciences from an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee, plus special training course of sanitation as may be required by the Division of Professional Regulation; or

- (d) Successful completion of two years in an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee, with at least 15 semester hours of credit of basic sciences, plus special training course of sanitation as may be required by the Division of Professional Regulation, plus two years of experience in public health sanitation; or
- (e) Bachelor's degree in dairy science or dairy manufacturing with a minimum of at least 15 semester hours of credit of basic sciences from an institution on the list of accredited colleges of the United States Office of Education, or any like institution approved by the committee, plus special training course of sanitation as may be required by the Division of Professional Regulation.

Section 3.0 *Applicants For Registration*

- 3.1 An applicant for registration as a sanitarian shall submit to the division written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:
 - (a) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or more;
 - (b) Is of good moral character;
 - (c) Meets education and experience qualifications substantiated by documentary evidence.
- 3.2 The application for registration shall be accompanied by a registration fee of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170.00).

Section 4.0 *Examination*

- 4.1 The applicant shall be required to pass a written and/or oral examination as determined by the committee, except those applying by reciprocity or under provisions of section 23-19.3-7.

Section 5.0 *Certificate Of Registered Sanitarian*

- 5.1 Upon satisfactory completion of all requirements, the division shall issue a certificate of Registered Sanitarian to the applicant. Said certificate shall be in force for the calendar year, from January 1st to December 31st.
- 5.2 The fee for renewal of a certificate of registration shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).