

Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications

Providing accredited certification to EHS auditing professionals as a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA). The BEAC CPEA has been granted full accreditation by the Council on Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB).

What is BEAC?

- The Institute of Internal Auditors and the Auditing Roundtable. Together, The IIA and the Auditing Roundtable represent in excess of 100,000 members worldwide.
- BEAC is an independent, nonprofit professional certification board – we are not a membership organization.



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BEAC's Mission

- Issue certifications relating to the professional competencies in the field of environmental, health and safety auditing.
- Promote high levels of professional competence among environmental, health, and safety auditors.
- Promote high ethical standards in the practice and profession of the environmental, health, and safety auditing.

Code / Conduct / Guidance

BEAC has established and documented the following to promote high standards for EHS Auditors:

- Code of Ethics
- Standards of Conduct
- Standards for the Professional Practice of Environmental, Health, & Safety Auditing
- Competency Framework for Environmental, Health & Safety Auditors

Certification Programs

BEAC currently offers the CPEA designation in the following:

- Environmental Compliance
- Health & Safety
- Management System
- Responsible Care®

The Latest Numbers

As of September 15, 2005:

- 1,377 individuals are CPEAs or are applicants
- BEAC CPEAs and applicants represent over 600 different companies, 21 countries, 48 US states and Puerto Rico
- EMS-14000 Plus (no longer offered): 172 CPEAs, 14 applicants
- Environmental Compliance: 517 CPEAs, 76 applicants
- Health & Safety: 790 CPEAs, 26 applicants
- Management System: 34 CPEAs, 18 applicants
- Responsible Care®: 14 CPEAs, 44 applicants
- An applicant may become certified in one or more programs

Qualification Criteria

- Education (Bachelor's degree or higher)
- Professional Experience
 - ✓ 4 years of relevant work experience
 - 20 audits/100 audit days/20 audit days on-site over past 4 years
- Auditor Training (40 hours within 3 years of application)
- Two Character References
- Passing a Certification Examination

NOTE: The Responsible Care® Auditor Certification requires additional criteria as established by the American Chemistry Council.

Continuing Professional Development

BEAC applicants and CPEAs must maintain competence by ensuring current knowledge of:

- Aspects of relevant science
- Appropriate aspects of facility operations
- Relevant requirements of EHS laws, regulations, and related documents
- EMS and related standards
- Audit procedures, processes and techniques

Every two years, BEAC CPEAs are required to submit objective evidence of 40 hours of continuing professional development.



Benefits of Using Certified Auditors

Verification of experience, education, and technical proficiency.

Confirmation of professional preparation and commitment to professional excellence.

Publicly recognized common practices and standards applicable to the profession.

BEAC & Other Organizations

- American Industrial Hygiene Association
 - March 2000 Letter of Agreement
 - CIH = partial exam waiver
- Canadian Environmental Auditing Association
 - May 2001 Declaration of Cooperation
- National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA)

July 2001 organizational member

- American Society of Safety Engineers
 - August 2001 Letter of Agreement
 - CSP = partial exam waiver



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- Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB)
 - Organizational member
 - CPEA accredited February 2004
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
 - Organizational Stakeholder
- American Chemistry Council (ACC)
 - Memorandum of Understanding (January 2004) (Responsible Care Management System)
 - BEAC certifies RC® auditors, approves RCMS® Audit Service Providers, and recognizes RC® training course providers
- The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
 - Professional Recognition Credit for the CIA exam, Part IV



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