

IC 24-4-11

Chapter 11. Regulation of Industrial Hygienists

IC 24-4-11-1

Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A person employed as an apprentice under the supervision of an industrial hygienist, an industrial hygienist in training, or a certified industrial hygienist.
- (2) A student of industrial hygiene who is engaged in supervised activities related to industrial hygiene.
- (3) A person licensed under IC 25 who is engaged in activities permitted under the person's license, if the person does not represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist, an industrial hygienist in training, or a certified industrial hygienist.
- (4) A person who uses the title industrial hygienist within the scope of the person's employment if, when using the title industrial hygienist, the person:
 - (A) furnishes services as an industrial hygienist only on behalf of the employer for whom the person works; and
 - (B) does not furnish or offer to furnish services as an industrial hygienist to any person other than the employer for whom the person works.
- (5) An individual practicing within the scope of meaning of industrial hygiene, if the person does not do the following:
 - (A) Use any of the following titles:
 - (i) Industrial hygienist.
 - (ii) Industrial hygienist in training.
 - (iii) Certified industrial hygienist.
 - (B) Use any of the following sets of initials:
 - (i) IH.
 - (ii) IHIT.
 - (iii) CIH.
 - (C) Represent to the public that the person is:
 - (i) An industrial hygienist.
 - (ii) An industrial hygienist in training.
 - (iii) A certified industrial hygienist.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-2

"Accredited college or university" defined

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "accredited college or university" refers to a college or university that is accredited by one

- (1) of the following regional accrediting agencies:
 - (1) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
 - (2) New England Association of Colleges and Schools.
 - (3) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
 - (4) Northwest Association of Colleges and Schools.
 - (5) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

(6) Western Association of Colleges and Schools.

(b) A college or university located outside the United States is considered an accredited college or university if the college or university is accredited within the jurisdiction of the college or university by an accrediting agency having accreditation standards that are at least equal to the accreditation standards of the accrediting agencies listed in subsection (a).

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-3

"Board" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, a nonprofit corporation established to improve the practice and educational standards of the profession of industrial hygiene by certifying individuals who meet its education, experience, and examination requirements.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-4

"Certified industrial hygienist (CIH)" defined

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "certified industrial hygienist (CIH)" is a person who has received the designation certified industrial hygienist from the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-5

"Education" defined

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "education" means:

(1) a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an accredited college or university in:

(A) industrial hygiene;

(B) biology;

(C) chemistry;

(D) engineering;

(E) physics; or

(F) a closely related physical or biological science; or

(2) a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an accredited college or university that has at least sixty (60) credit hours in undergraduate or graduate level courses (of which at least fifteen (15) credit hours must be in junior or higher level courses) in the following:

(A) Science.

(B) Mathematics.

(C) Engineering.

(D) Technology.

If the degree is heavily comprised of only one (1) of these subject matter areas, the board may accept the degree under this definition only if the applicant has taken additional science courses from an accredited college or university or has

completed a related graduate degree from an accredited college or university.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-6

"Experience" defined

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "experience" means the completion of professional level work sufficient to provide competence in the following:

- (1) The anticipation and recognition of workplace environmental factors and stresses, including chemical, physical, biological, and ergonomic stresses, and the understanding of their effect on people and their well-being.
- (2) The evaluation, through observation, sampling, testing, and with the use of quantified measurement techniques, of the magnitude of workplace environmental factors and stresses.
- (3) The prescription of methods for prevention, elimination, control, or reduction of environmental factors and stresses and their effects. Methods include the following:
 - (A) Engineering.
 - (B) Administrative control.
 - (C) Personnel protective equipment.
 - (D) Training.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-7

"Industrial hygiene" defined

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "industrial hygiene" means the science and practice of anticipating, recognizing, evaluating, and controlling the environmental factors and stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause sickness, impaired health and well-being, or significant discomfort among workers and the general community.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-8

"Industrial hygienist (IH)" defined

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "industrial hygienist (IH)" means a person who has the education and experience to practice industrial hygiene.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-9

"Industrial hygienist in training (IHIT)" defined

Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "industrial hygienist in training (IHIT)" means a person who has received the designation industrial hygienist in training from the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and whose certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-10**Prohibitions against use of title**

Sec. 10. (a) A person may not use the title industrial hygienist, use the initials IH, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist, unless the person is an industrial hygienist as defined in this chapter.

(b) A person may not use the title industrial hygienist in training, use the initials IHIT, or represent to the public that the person is an industrial hygienist in training, unless the person is an industrial hygienist in training as defined in this chapter.

(c) A person may not use the title certified industrial hygienist, use the initials CIH, or represent to the public that the person is a certified industrial hygienist, unless the person is a certified industrial hygienist as defined in this chapter.

(d) A person may not use a title that incorporates the words industrial hygiene or a variation of the words industrial hygiene unless the person meets the requirements of:

- (1) an industrial hygienist;
- (2) an industrial hygienist in training; or
- (3) a certified industrial hygienist;

as defined in this chapter.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.

IC 24-4-11-11**Violations**

Sec. 11. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.175-1996, SEC.1.