



Certifications

DoDI 6055.01, DoD Safety and Occupational Health (SOH) Program states: "The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of professional credentials in career development, technical competency, and SOH program effectiveness. Consequently, DoD urges all DoD SOH personnel (military and civilian) to obtain licensure, registration, or certification, as appropriate, in their respective disciplines."

Certification is an indication of professionalism and dedication.

Certification requires review by an oversight organization and successful completion of an examination.

Some organizations offer registrations, but a registration is not synonymous with a certification or equivalent to a certification.

1. A certification in the profession of industrial hygiene ([Certified Industrial Hygienist](#)[®] or CIH[®]) is issued by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene[®] (ABIH[®]) when the OSH professional has successfully passed an examination and has accrued years of practice.

It is a gold standard and there are strict requirements for maintaining certification.

2. A certification as a safety professional ([Certified Safety Professional](#)[®] or CSP[®]) is issued by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, Inc. (BCSP) when the OSH professional successfully passes an examination and has accrued years of practice. It is a gold standard, and there are strict requirements for maintaining certification.

3. The Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHES[®]) operates certification programs for safety and health practitioners at the technologist/technician level.

The CCHES[®] operates with the BCSP and offers four peer certifications, including—

- a. [Occupational Health and Safety Technologist](#)[®] (OHST[®])
- b. [Construction Health and Safety Technician](#)[®] (CHST[®])
- c. [Safety Trained Supervisor](#)[®] (STS[®])
- d. [Certified Environmental, Safety & Health Trainer](#)[®] (CET[®])