**Section 1247.25 Application for Licensure as an Environmental Health Practitioner in Training**

An applicant for licensure as an environmental health practitioner in training shall file an application, on forms provided by the Division.

a) Pursuant to Section 21 of the Act, a person who, on August 22, 2002, was certified by his or her employer as serving as a sanitarian or unlicensed environmental health practitioner in environmental health practice in this State may be issued a license as an environmental health practitioner in training upon filing an application by July 1, 2003. The application shall be filed with the Division on forms supplied by the Division and shall include:

1) Verification of employment signed by the supervisor; and

2) The required fee set forth in Section 1247.75.

b) Individuals applying for an environmental health practitioner in training license, except for those qualified pursuant to subsection (a), shall file an application with the Division, on forms provided by the Division, that the applicant meets one of the following qualifications:

1) Verification

A) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university approved by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council for environmental health curricula or its equivalent as approved by the Division in accordance with Section 1247.40 of this Part;

B) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university that included a minimum of 30 semester hours, or the equivalent, of basic sciences approved by the Division in accordance with Section 1247.40; or

C) Holds a master's degree in public health or environmental health science from an accredited college or university if the applicant has completed a minimum of 30 semester or equivalent hours of basic science as approved by the Division in accordance with Section 1247.40;

2) The required fee set forth in Section 1247.75; and

3) Certification, on forms provided by the Division, from the jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally licensed and the jurisdiction in which the applicant predominantly practices and is currently registered/licensed, if applicable, stating:

A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;

B) A description of the examination in that jurisdiction; and

C) Whether the file on the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending.

c) An environmental health practitioner in training license will be issued for 3 years.If a person has not passed an examination within the 3 years, an applicant may request an extension.

1) The applicant shall request an extension in writing stating the reasons for the extension and shall pay the required fee.

2) Upon the recommendation of the Environmental Health Practitioners Board (Board) and approval by the Division, an environmental health practitioner in training license shall be extended, not to exceed 3 years, for the following reasons:

A) Service in the military;

B) Incapacitating illness and/or hospitalization verified by a physician; or

C) Other extenuating circumstances.

3) In no instance can an environmental health practitioner in training license be extended that would allow an environmental health practitioner in training to practice more than 6 years.

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