

IH system in Taiwan

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Hygienist in Taiwan

Professional Industrial and Mining Hygienist

(工礦衛生技師)

- licensed;
- pass national exams;
- technical oriented

Labor hygienist (勞工衛生管理師)

- not necessarily licensed;
- no need to take the national exams
- management oriented



Professional Industrial and Mining Hygienist (工礦衛生技師)

Qualification for the national exam

- Mainly education

Profession

- Join the union
- Act as the Labor hygienist
- Workplace monitoring
- Independent consultants

Current #: (~200)





Labor hygienist

(勞工衛生管理師)

Multiple entry pathways

- Professional Industrial and Mining Hygienist
- Licensed 'industrial hygiene technician' (勞工衛生管理甲級技術士)

education, training, and/or working experiences, then take national exams

- was a labor inspector and has working experience
- Master degree from IH programs (w/ related credits)



Labor hygienist

(勞工衛生管理師)

Serving in business (company employee)

Required by the Labor Safety and Health Act
 Depends on the type of industry and employee #

Current #: (>2000)





Not officially discussed in Taiwan yet Difficulties to apply current model

- Need to identify the main representative organization e.g. union? Councils of Labor Affairs? TOHA?
- May need to modify the laws/rules/regulations
 Government!
 Others

Solutions?

- A new organization or certification system?
- IOHA's flexibility on accepting extra/post-hoc requirement?



What to do?

Promote the ideas of having internationally recognized IH certification

Model 1: a whole new system (new certification board, new exam systems)

Model 2:

Basic requirement:

e.g. Professional Industrial and Mining Hygienist Additional requirement: e.g. continuous education.

Recognized by IOHA

(pass national exams administered by the Taiwanese government)

(imposed by **non**-governmental association)

(administered by **non-**governmental association)