

# Occupational Hygiene Accreditation in Korea

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## ..... Occupational Hygiene In OSH law .....

- Business owner shall have **the person holding the qualification** and evaluate the working environment where hazardous work to the worker's health is being carried.
- Qualification
  - Occupational hygienist certified by Korean government

## ..... Occupational Hygiene In OSH law .....

- Business owner may conduct the exposure monitoring by entrusting it to an exposure monitoring Institution designated by Minister of Labor
- Criteria of designation (manpower)
  - Two Occupational Hygienist (at least one professional grade)
  - One Analyst (at least 1 person)
  - No. of occupational hygienists is different according to No. of workplaces that the monitoring institute wants to evaluate.

# Criteria of Application for Occupational Hygienist

- Professional grade (similar to CIH)
  - Bachelor's degree plus 7 years suitable experience
  - Equivalent to scholarship and experience
- Engineer grade
  - Bachelor's degree
  - 2-year college graduate plus 2 years suitable experience

# Quality Control of Exposure Monitoring Results

- Anyone who is conducting an exposure monitoring by OSH law shall participate quality control program and must pass all the test according to the program
- ❖ 2 times a year (every 6 months)
- KOSHA is managing the program under the authority of OSH law

# ..... Occupational Hygiene Society .....

## ➤ Name

- Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (KSOEH)
- ❖ Established in 1990, Representative society for occupational hygiene in Korea

## ➤ Objectives

- To develop Korean occupational hygiene, improve quality of its members, and to protect the health of national laborers.

# Membership

- Number of members
  - About 500 with full-memberships
- Grades of membership.
  - Regular members
  - Student members
  - Group members
  - ❖ (About 250 members work for KOSHA)
  - ❖ Others: University, Exposure monitoring Institute, Ministry of Labor, Occupational Health services, Workplaces, etc.

# Qualification

- Regular member:
  - A four-year college graduate shall agree on the purpose of the society and work within the field of occupational hygiene,
  - A two-year college graduate shall be engaged in the field of practical affairs for more than two years and agree on the purpose of the society



# Qualification

- Student member:
  - An undergraduate majoring in a field related to occupational hygiene shall agree on the purpose of the society.
- Group member:
  - A department or a group belonging to an occupational hygiene–related agency or incorporation shall agree on the purpose of the society.

# Projects

- To achieve the purpose, the society shall conduct the following projects
  - Hosting academic lecture meetings, seminars, and conferences related to occupational hygiene
  - Publishing journals and other publications
  - Performing plans related to member's welfare

# Projects

- Educating, training, and studying occupational hygiene
- Performing projects on occupational hygiene as entrusted by the government and public agencies
- Performing projects to achieve the purpose of the society

## ..... Rights and Duties of a Member .....

- A member shall have the following rights and duties.
  - Right to be involved in all projects according to the foundation's purpose;
  - Duty to comply with the articles of incorporation, by-laws and resolutions of regular meetings
  - Duty to pay the membership fee (does not apply to a student member).

# Disqualification

- A member shall be disqualified according to the decision of the Board of Directors and the General Meeting
- Severely libels against the society and is considered to have critical effects;
- Violates any decision made by the General Meeting and Board of Directors
- Voluntarily withdraws of membership

# Thank you !

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