



Application for Registered Industrial Hygienist RIH (SG) or Registered Associate Industrial Hygienist RAIH(SG)

Industrial hygiene, also known as Occupational hygiene, is a specialized field dedicated to anticipating, identifying, evaluating and controlling health hazards in the workplace. It plays a crucial role in creating healthier and safer work environments.

Industrial / occupational hygienists are professionals equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills in industrial / occupational hygiene. They play a vital role in safeguarding the health of the workforce against workplace hazards.

In Singapore, industrial / occupational hygiene professionals provide comprehensive services to manage workplace health hazards. This may include activities such as noise monitoring and control, air sampling and chemical hazard management.

The Registered Industrial Hygienist RIH (SG) and RAIH Scheme is established by the Occupational and Environmental Health Society (OEHS), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and advancing occupational and environmental health in Singapore. The scheme is administered by the Registered Industrial Hygienist (RIH) Board set up by OEHS.

The RIH (SG) and RAIH (SG) certification scheme accredits industrial / occupational hygiene professionals practicing in Singapore. The main objectives of the scheme are to provide professional recognition, enhance standards, and improve the practice of industrial hygiene through continual learning and education.

The OEHS invites interested individuals who are industrial / occupational hygiene professionals or practitioners practicing in Singapore to apply for RIH (SG) or RAIH (SG).

Details of the application process and criteria can be found in the appendices. The deadline for the current application process is **15 September 2023**. For any inquiries, please email **oehsrih@gmail.com**

We eagerly await your application.

Thank you.

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Criteria and Instructions for RIH (SG) and ARIH (SG) Accreditation

Work Experience

1. Applicants should have a minimum number of years of practical experience in industrial hygiene or a related field, depending on the specific scheme they are applying for.
2. Applicants should currently be practicing as industrial hygienists or involved in industrial hygiene practice in Singapore. For applicants practicing both within and outside Singapore, they should have a registered office address and residential address in Singapore.

Education / Qualification

3. Applicants should meet the specific academic qualifications as outlined for the RIH and RAIH scheme.
4. If applicants do not have an industrial hygiene degree, they should possess a basic qualification, diploma, or degree in acceptable disciplines (e.g., engineering, science) and have completed recognized education/courses in industrial hygiene as outlined in Chart 1- RAIH (SG) flowchart or Chart 2- RIH (SG) flowchart.

Application Process

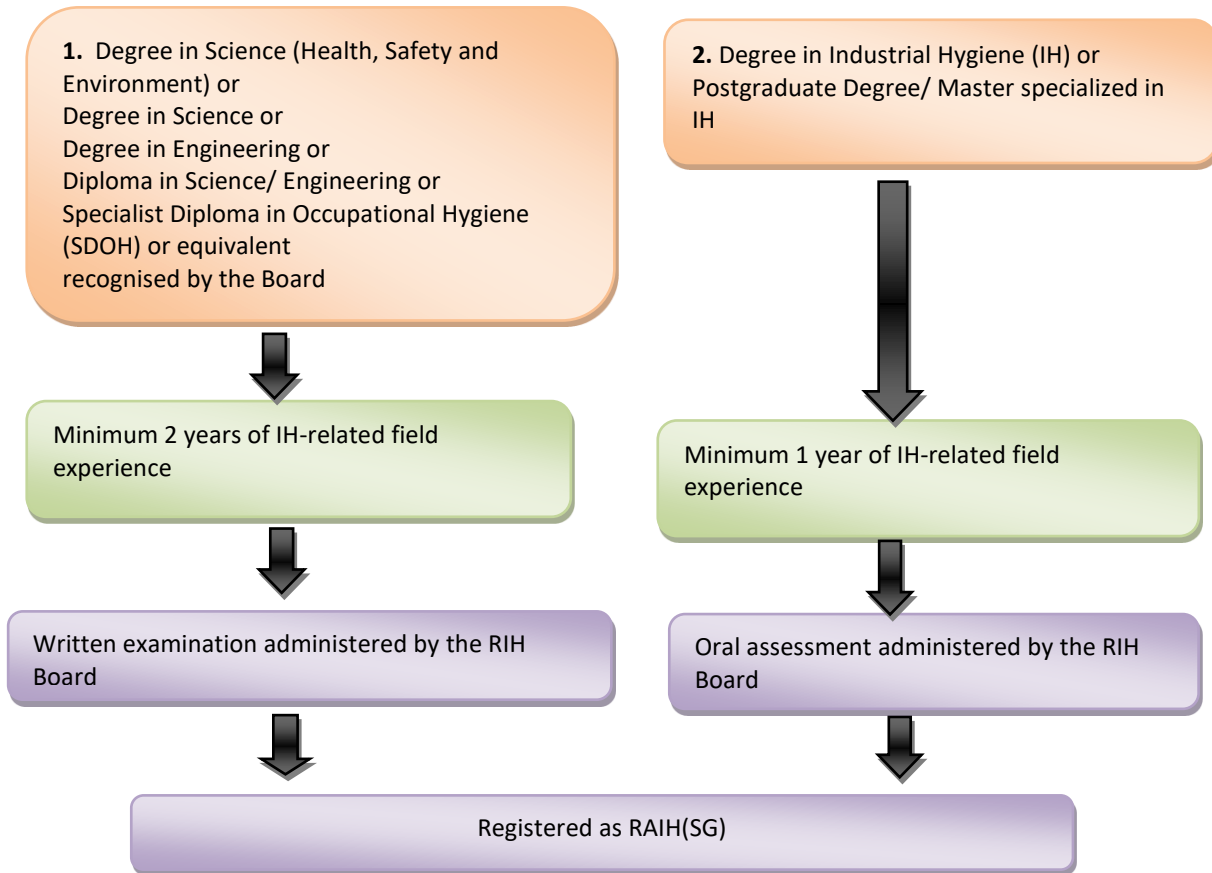
5. The application process consists of two stages (Stage A and Stage B).
- 5.1 *For RAIH (SG) application:*

Stage A Applicants need to complete the application form and submit it electronically to the email address oehsrih@gmail.com. The last page of the application form should be signed, scanned and emailed together with the application. Additionally, applicants are required to pay a non-refundable administration fee of S\$ 150. The application deadline is **15 September 2023**.

All received applications will be reviewed by the RIH Board. Applicants who meet the qualifying criteria will be contacted for the second stage of assessment (Stage B). Applicants with incomplete applications or those who do not meet the qualifying criteria for Stage B will be informed of the decision.

Stage B Depending on individual qualifications, applicants may be requested to undergo an oral interview **(1 to 2 hours)** or a written examination **(3 to 4 hours)**.

Chart 1 – RAIH (SG) Flowchart



5.2 For RIH (SG) application:

Stage A Applicants must complete the application form and submit it electronically to the following email address: oehsrih@gmail.com. The last page of the application should be signed, scanned and emailed along with the application. Additionally, applicants are required to pay a non-refundable administration fee of S\$ 150. The deadline for applications is **15 September 2023**.

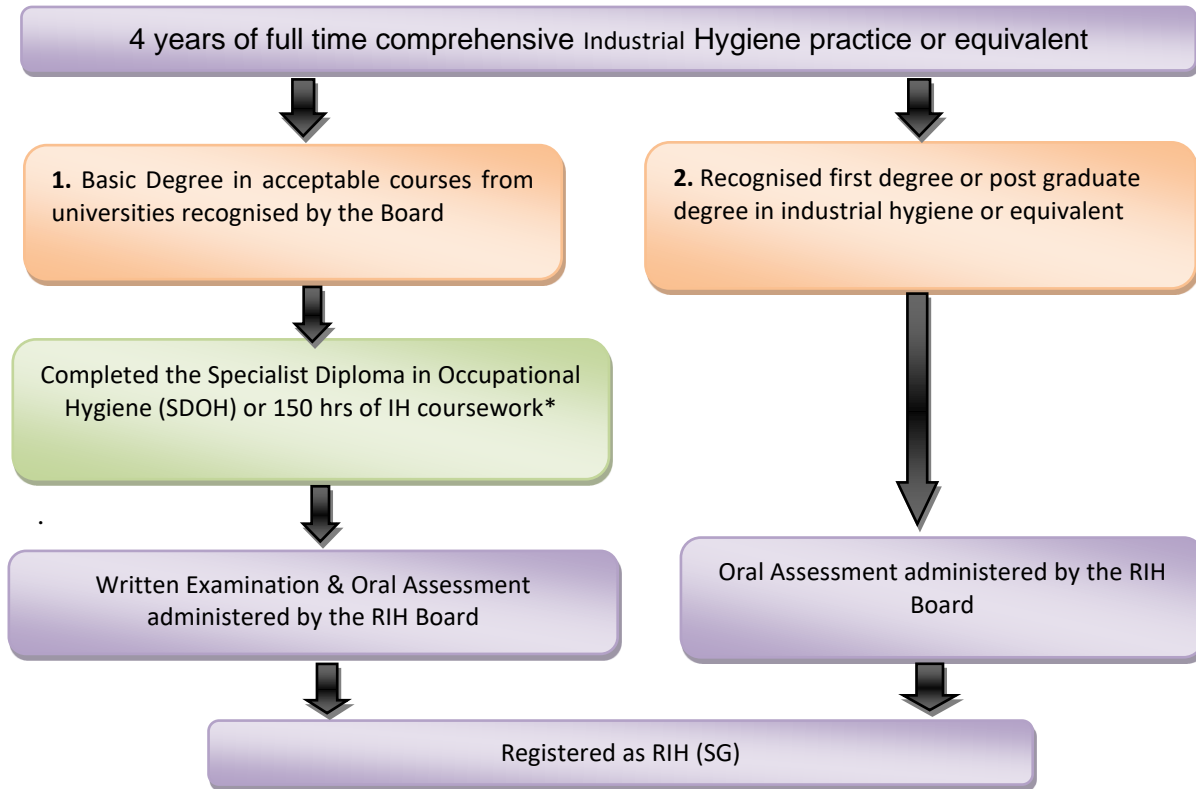
All received applications will be reviewed by the RIH Board. Applicants who meet the qualifying criteria will be contacted to proceed to the second stage of assessment (Stage B). Applicants with incomplete applications or those who do not meet the qualifying criteria for Stage B will be notified of the decision.

Stage B Depending on individual qualifications, applicants may be requested to undergo an oral interview (**1 to 2 hours**) or a written examination (**3 to 4 hours**), or both.

Generally, applicants with a recognized industrial/occupational hygiene degree/diploma or those who are currently certified with an internationally recognized industrial/occupational hygiene accreditation programme (such as AIHA's CIH; BOHS' COH; AIOH's COH) will only be required to take the oral assessment.

However, it should be noted that in exceptional cases, the RIH Board may require these applicants to undergo a written examination if there is relevant justification to evaluate the professional competence of the individual.

Chart 2 – RIH (SG) Flowchart



**Applicants wishing to register with 150 hours of IH coursework must first pass a written examination before proceeding to the oral assessment*

Oral Examination

6. Applicants eligible for the oral examination will be notified **at least three months in advance** to allow for preparation. They will be required to write a paper or prepare a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate their professional competency during the oral interview. Details regarding logistics arrangements will be provided to eligible applicants.

Written Examination

7. Applicants who need to undergo a written examination as part of competency assessment will be notified at **least three months in advance** to allow for preparation. If necessary, the RIH Board will organize a briefing session for these applicants. The examination will cover various domains of industrial hygiene. Details regarding logistics arrangements will be provided to eligible applicants.

Certification of RAIH (SG) or RIH (SG)

8. Successful applicants for the RAIH(SG) accreditation will be required to pay an accreditation fee of S\$ 200 for the first three years.
9. Successful applicants for the RIH (SG) accreditation will be required to pay an accreditation fees of **S\$ 400** for the first three years.

Re-certification of RAIH (SG) or RIH (SG)

Applicants who have been successfully certified as RAIH (SG) or RIH (SG) must maintain their competency and act professionally as required by the current Code of Ethics (Appendix B). Re-certification will be conducted every three years, and an RAIH (SG) or RIH (SG) can re-certify by meeting the re-certification criteria. The RIH Board will assess and approve re-certifications. A re-certification fee of S\$ 200 for RAIH (SG) and **S\$ 400** for RIH (SG) will apply.

Application deadline

10. All applications must be submitted to the OEHS Secretariat via email before **15 September 2023**. At this stage, applicants are not required to submit documents to authenticate their information. Applicants who are successful in Stage B of the application process will be notified and asked to provide supporting documents.
11. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application on or before **15 October 2023**.
12. Any enquiries can be directed to **oehsrih@gmail.com**.



Appendix B

Registered Industrial Hygienist Board, Singapore Code of Ethics

The Registered Industrial Hygienist Board (RIH Board) is a not-for-profit, professional credentialing body under the auspices of the Occupational and Environmental Health Society, Singapore.

The objective of the Code of Ethics is to promote and maintain a high standard of ethics in the practice of industrial/occupational hygiene and associated activities.

The primary role of the industrial/occupational hygienist is to protect the health and safety of persons at work and community against health hazards arising from workplaces.

The Code applies to Registered Industrial Hygienists, RIH (SG) within the RIH Board, and to applicants seeking RIH Board certification.

Registered Associate Industrial Hygienist, RAIH (SG) or Registered Industrial Hygienist, RIH (SG) shall:

1. Practice using currently accepted professional standards, principles and methodologies to ensure that health risk assessments and recommendations are meaningful in protecting the health of working individuals.
2. Act responsibly to uphold the integrity of the profession and avoid compromising professional judgment. This includes cooperating with professional associations and credentialing organizations regarding ethics matters and the collection of related information.
3. Comply with legislation, policies and professional standards governing the practice of industrial/occupational hygiene and associated activities.
4. Respect and maintain the confidentiality of personal, business and professional information that arises during the course of practicing industrial/occupational hygiene and associated activities.
5. Avoid situations where personal or business conflicts of interest may arise. If such conflicts exist, they should be declared to the stakeholders.
6. Maintain a working knowledge of current developments in the practice of industrial/occupational hygiene and actively participate in activities that advance and promote industrial/occupational hygiene knowledge.