

Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the review of the application. (NAC 459.972-459.97232) **Sections 1-4** of this regulation increase this fee to \$150.

Existing regulations require an applicant for certification as an environmental manager, handler of underground storage tanks and tester of underground storage tanks to pay an examination fee for certification and, if the applicant fails the examination, a reexamination fee. (NAC 459.9726) **Section 5** of this regulation increases the fee for examination and reexamination from \$150 to \$200.

Existing regulations set forth certain requirements for a holder of a certificate to renew his or her certificate, which includes paying a fee of \$100 for the renewal. (NAC 459.9728) **Section 6** of this regulation: (1) increases the renewal fee to \$150; and (2) requires the holder of a certificate to successfully complete at least 24 hours of continuing education in the immediately preceding 2 years and submit proof of such completion to the Division with his or her application for renewal.

Section 1. NAC 459.972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

459.972 An applicant for certification as an environmental manager must:

1. Be of good character and reputation as determined by the Division upon review of the applicant's references, record of violations of environmental laws and regulations and such other considerations as the Division deems necessary and proper. Certification must be denied if such a review indicates that the applicant fails to meet the applicable standards.

2. Submit to the Division:

- (a) An application on a form provided by the Division;
 - (b) A nonrefundable fee of ~~150~~ **150** for the review of the application;
 - (c) A color photograph of the applicant which is approximately 2 inches by 2 inches;
 - (d) A statement signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury declaring the details of all pleas of guilty or nolo contendere in any criminal proceeding and all convictions of any crimes;
- and

(e) Three letters of reference from natural persons with experience in the services of that classification attesting to the applicant's moral character and competence in that classification.

3. Demonstrate to the Division that the applicant ~~{meets one of the following qualifications:}~~

has:

(a) A bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university in an area relating to the environment including, but not limited to, environmental science, engineering, geology, hydrology, hydrogeology, biology, toxicology, environmental health, physics, industrial hygiene or chemistry ; and ~~{at}~~

(b) At least 3 years of relevant environmental experience within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application . ~~{t}~~

~~—(b) A relevant professional registration or certification recognized by the Division and at least 3 years of relevant environmental experience within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application; or~~

~~—(c) An equivalent combination of appropriate education or experience, or both, as determined by the Division.]~~

4. Pass an examination pursuant to NAC 459.9726.

Sec. 2. NAC 459.9722 is hereby amended to read as follows:

459.9722 An applicant for certification as a handler of underground storage tanks must:

1. Be of good character and reputation as determined by the Division upon review of the applicant's references, record of violations of environmental laws and regulations and such other considerations as the Division deems necessary and proper. Certification must be denied if such a review indicates that the applicant fails to meet the applicable standards.