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Growth in Certification

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Recently Les Slaback sent an article on the growth of the CIH credential to Nancy Daugherty. She then forwarded the information to me. Because Health Physics and Industrial Hygiene are both concerned with the health and safety of workers, both Les and Nancy felt that it may be of interest to health physicists. The article, titled "Growth of CIH Shows Strength of Credentialing," was written by Elizabeth Simon and appeared in the December 1996 issue of *The Synergist*. It included the following highlights:

The first CIH was awarded in 1960, and by 1995 almost 7,000 professionals have earned the CIH.

The CIH exam is a two-part exam given over two days and appears to have a design similar to the ABHP certification exam.

Recently the number of examinees has increased and is attributed to a wider recognition among employers that the CIH denotes a high degree of proficiency in the field.

Recently passing rates for examinees have fallen for both parts of the exam (remember 1995).

One general concern was raised about the proliferation of Certifications in the Environmental, Health, and Safety fields. The author noted that a recent survey identified over 80 different credentials offered in this area. While some of the credentials require the candidate to meet rigorous standards, others simply require payment of a fee. Our own "Brand" was favorably mentioned in a listing of

credentials that require education, experience, and successful completion of an exam.

For additional information about the American Board of Industrial Hygiene certification call 517-321-2638.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

I am starting to compile a list of questions and answers commonly asked about the ABHP certification process. These can include questions about the exam, the continuing education requirement, or the amount of studying required. If you have any questions or if you know some that are commonly asked of you please forward them to me.

For example, a candidate for this year's exam asked me if the exam would be as difficult as the 1995 exam. To which I replied, "Maybe."

Recertification

May not only brings flowers, but also recertification packets if they didn't show up in April. If you have any questions concerning the process, contact:

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