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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian Industrial Hygiene Association (MIHA) launched its certification scheme, Certified Professional Industrial Hygienist (CPIH) in 2015, governed by the CPIH Certification Board. The CPIH credential is an IOHA recognized certification for professionals aiming to protect the health of workers by anticipating, recognizing, evaluating, and controlling chemical, physical, ergonomic, biological or psycho-social hazards.

The certification program enables you to establish your professional-level knowledge and skills in Industrial Hygiene. The CPIH credential is only granted to those who meet our education and experience requirements along with successfully completing the required examinations.

A CPIH candidate must meet the minimum requirements for education and experience. In addition, through examinations, demonstrate a minimum level of knowledge and skills in the following:

- a) Demonstration of competencies through the oral examination in the following areas:
 - Industrial Hygiene Management and Communication
 - Work Environment and Process
 - Ethics
 - Health hazards & their controls - chemical, physical, biological, ergonomics and psychosocial
 - Indoor Air Environment
 - Emerging Industrial Hygiene Issues
- b) Demonstration of technical competencies in the following areas:
 - Industrial Hygiene Management Principles
 - Chemical Hazards and Its Controls e.g. toxicology, risk assessment, exposure monitoring
 - Physical Hazards and Its Controls e.g. noise & vibration, Radiation & Non-ionizing Radiation, Thermal Stressors - Cold and Hot
 - Ergonomics Hazards and Its Controls
 - Biological Hazards and Its Controls
 - Work Environment and Processes
 - Applied sciences e.g. analytical chemistry, product stewardship, statistics & epidemiology
 - Indoor Air Environment
 - Ethics

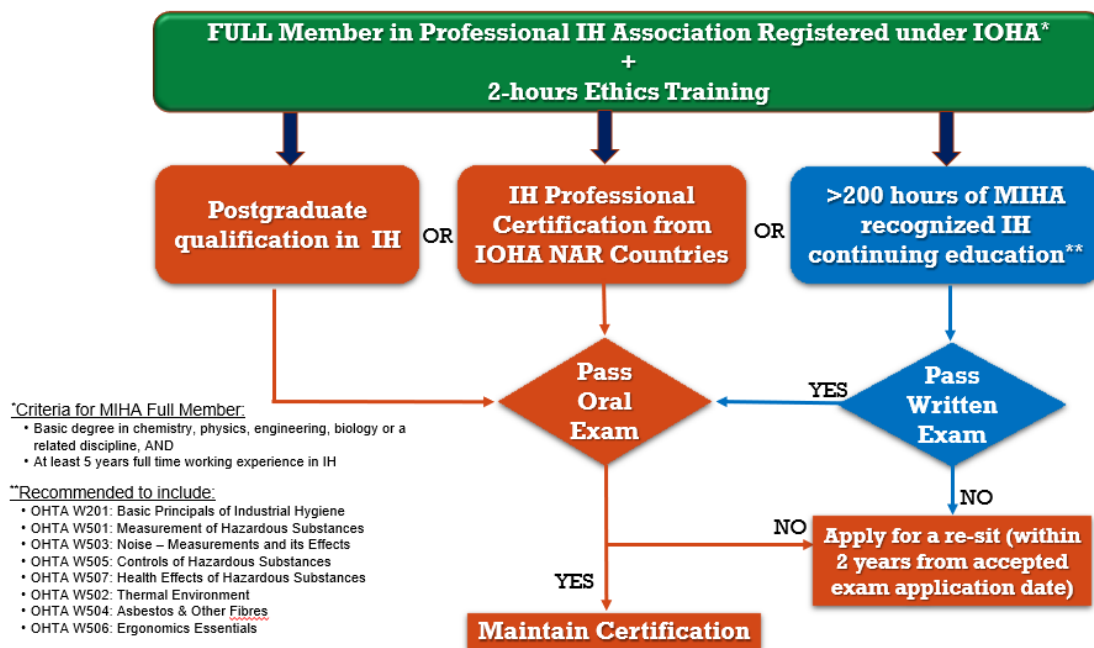
Please be aware that if any requirements for certification or recertification change, you will be required to meet them to hold your certification.

2.0 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for application as a CPIH candidate, an applicant must comply with all requirements of the Certification Board that are in effect at the time the application is submitted and agree to adhere to the MIHA Code of Ethics governed by the MIHA Ethics Case Procedures available on the MIHA website

An applicant must:

- be a **FULL** member of MIHA **or** other Professional IH Association member of IOHA **and**
 - have attended a minimum 2 hours of ethics trainings **and**
 - be in the current practice of Industrial Hygiene **and**
 - meet the academic requirements supported by references **OR** have a valid IOHA recognized professional IH certification **OR** complete the required number of continuing education hours
- and**
- pay the application fee



The submitted documents and references will be used to assess your eligibility to sit for the examination(s). The Certification Board will evaluate all applicants using the criteria established for the certification eligibility and will not discriminate on any basis.

When the initial review of an application (or re-application) indicates that the information is not clear, additional documentation may be requested from the applicant. In that case, review of the application or re-application will not proceed until the requested information is received.

Submitting your application in advance of deadlines may give you sufficient time to provide additional information without delaying your approval to sit for the exam(s).

3.0 DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Applicants for the CPIH shall provide evidence of:

- Full membership of MIHA or an IOHA Registered Professional IH Association **AND**
- a CPIH Board recognized 2-hr ethics course, **AND**
- a CPIH Board recognized post graduate degree in Industrial Hygiene **OR**
 - a valid and in good standing professional IH certification under an IOHA recognized accreditation scheme **OR**
 - >200 hours completion of MIHA recognized continuing education courses

Professional IH Experience

Full membership of MIHA or an IOHA Registered Professional IH Association must entail at least five (5) years of experience in the practice of Industrial Hygiene. A supporting letter from the applicant's direct supervisor or CIH/CPIH is required to validate the IH practices and experience.

Academic Requirements

Any post-graduate degree qualification submitted must be accompanied by a copy of the official transcript for review and acceptance by the Certification Board.

Professional IH Certification

An applicant must submit proof of a valid and good-standing professional Industrial Hygiene certification under any of the IOHA recognized (NAR) certification schemes listed on their website at the time of application.

Continuing Education Contact Hours

An applicant applying through this pathway must submit documents demonstrating the completion of ≥ 200 continuing education contact hours of specific Industrial Hygiene courses.

At least half of the required contact hours (>100 hours) must cover the broad subjects of Industrial Hygiene: fundamentals or principles of industrial hygiene, health hazards and its effects, toxicology, air sampling and controls, toxicology, ventilation, OSH regulations, risk assessment, IH program management etc. The remaining contact hours may be in industrial hygiene subjects that are narrower in scope (e.g. IAQ, asbestos, lead, mold, product stewardship, environmental health, confined space ventilation etc).

Conference-related professional development courses (PDCs) can be counted, but attendance to the conference cannot be counted as a training course.

The same course or training, if taken multiple times, will only be counted once toward eligibility (e.g. regulatory refresher courses such as Safe Handling of Chemicals, or Noise Awareness training).

Contact hours are the actual number of hours spent on learning in the course. Any break time should be excluded from the count.

The Board accepts specific IH courses taken under a university academic program as continuing education contact hour. 1 credit hour is equivalent to 17 continuing education contact hours.

Confidentiality

Applications and supporting documentation are treated as confidential information. Personal information obtained will not be disclosed to third parties except when authorized in writing by you or if necessary to complete the process – for example, arranging for you to sit for the exam.

Record Retention

Any paper or electronic documents provided by applicants that have been inactive for $>$ three years will be destroyed. Prior to that, the administration staff will attempt to notify you using your last known contact details.

4.0 APPLICATION DATES AND EXAMINATION WINDOWS

Applications will be reviewed by the Certification Board on a quarterly basis. The application form and all initial or additional documentation required for application under the CPIH must be received (postmarked) by 30th June. The Board may extend the deadline as and when required.

The status of application will be announced by 1st August, where candidates will automatically be assigned an examination date within the 1st test window (quarter 4) of the same year. The candidate may subsequently submit a written request for the 2nd test window (quarter 4 of the following year) by 31st August.

The candidate's approved application will be valid for two test windows. This is equal to two years from the application submission deadline, after which reapplication (with a fee) is allowed for only 1 more test window. Any further application will be subject to the full application fee and process.

The technical or oral examination fees apply for the respective required examination for certification, and must be paid in full, 1 month prior to the assigned examination date(s).

Year X

- 30th June X – Application deadline
- Oct-Dec X – 1st Test Window

Year Y

- Oct-Dec Y – 2nd Test Window

Year Z

- 30th June Z – Re-application is allowed with fee, same deadline, valid for 1 test window.
- Oct-Dec Z – 3rd and final test window

5.0 CPIH REAPPLICANTS

An approved application is active for two consecutive test windows, which equals two years from application deadline. After the second year, the application expires. Re-application may be done by submitting an updated application form and related documentation plus paying the re-application fee.

Re-application (and accompanying fee) is allowed for only one (1) test window i.e., 1 year from the re-application deadline, after which a completely new application process (and full application fee) will apply.

6.0 FEES

Application Fee	RM300
Re-application Fee	RM150
Oral Examination Fee	RM500
Technical Examination Fee	RM250

7.0 SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Candidates who pass the CPIH Examination(s) will be able to use the term “Certified Professional Industrial Hygienist”, abbreviated to CPIH, after their name. They may continue to do so until such time their certification has expired or is revoked.

After gaining certification, a certificate and information on the certification maintenance program shall be mailed to each new CPIH. If a certificate is damaged or lost, a replacement certificate can be supplied for a fee.

Once the CPIH credential is obtained, the professional commits to:

- paying the required yearly fees on or before the due date
- continually updating their knowledge and skills and documenting within the certification maintenance program
- adhering to MIHA’s Code of Ethics (available on the MIHA website www.miha2u.org).

8.0 CPIH RENEWAL

An annual CPIH fee is payable by 1st February of each year, after which a late payment fee is applicable. Three reminders will be sent to you prior to the deadline, on the 1st of the month, from 3 months prior to the deadline.

CPIH’s not in good standing will have their certification revoked and lose the right to use the CPIH designation.

CPIH Annual Renewal Fee	RM100.00
CPIH Renewal Late Payment Fee	RM50.00

All paid application, re-application, examination and annual renewal fees are non-refundable. All decisions of the CPIH board on review of application and oral examination is final.