



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3776.01 [Former R.C. 4736.01, amended and renumbered as R.C. 3776.01 by H.B. 33, 135th General Assembly, effective 10/3/2023] Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Environmental health science" means the aspect of public health science that includes, but is not limited to, the following bodies of knowledge: air quality, food quality and protection, hazardous and toxic substances, consumer product safety, housing, institutional health and safety, community noise control, radiation protection, recreational facilities, solid and liquid waste management, vector control, drinking water quality, milk sanitation, and rabies control.

(B) "Environmental health specialist" means a person who performs for compensation educational, investigational, technical, or administrative duties requiring specialized knowledge and skills in the field of environmental health science.

(C) "Registered environmental health specialist" means a person who is registered as an environmental health specialist in accordance with this chapter.

(D) "Environmental health specialist in training" means a person who is registered as an environmental health specialist in training in accordance with this chapter.

(E) "Practice of environmental health" means consultation, instruction, investigation, inspection, or evaluation by an employee of a city health district, a general health district, the environmental protection agency, the department of health, or the department of agriculture requiring specialized knowledge, training, and experience in the field of environmental health science, with the primary purpose of improving or conducting administration or enforcement under any of the following:

(1) Chapter 911., 913., 917., 3717., 3718., 3721., 3729., 3730., or 3733. of the Revised Code;

(2) Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code as it pertains to solid and hazardous waste;



(3) Section 955.26, 955.261, 3701.344, 3707.01, 3707.03, 3707.26, or 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(4) Rules adopted under Chapter 3749. of the Revised Code pertaining to swimming pools.

"Practice of environmental health" does not include sampling, testing, controlling of vectors, reporting of observations, or other duties that do not require application of specialized knowledge and skills in environmental health science performed under the supervision of a registered environmental health specialist.

The director of health may further define environmental health science in relation to specific functions in the practice of environmental health through rules adopted by the director under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.