

Professional Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Occupational Hygiene Professionals

Should I be on the Register?

I'm a member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, so do I need to be on it?

If you are practising in employment or in consultancy providing services to a UK duty-holder, you need to be on the Register.

I'm a member of BOHS, so do I need to be on it?

General membership of BOHS does not imply that you have any professional expertise. If you are providing any occupational hygiene services, you should be a member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene and in order to provide Occupational Hygiene services you need to be on the register. Please contact Head Office to review how you could join the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene.

I'm not part of BOHS or the Faculty, can I be on the Register?

If you are providing occupational hygiene services to a UK duty-holder, you need to be on the Register. You do not need to be a member of BOHS or the Faculty in order to go onto the Register, providing you can have the requisite experience and can demonstrate your level of competence.

I'm a member of another professional body in the UK, should I be on the Register?

If you are providing occupational hygiene services to a UK duty-holder, you need to be on the Register. It is worth checking with your main professional body whether they have an interprofessional arrangement with the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene that can provide a quick and cost-effective way of doing this.

I'm a member of an overseas Occupational/Industrial Hygiene body, should I be on the Register?

If you are providing occupational hygiene services to a UK duty-holder, you need to be on the Register. If you are working in the UK for less than six months within any period of five years, then there will be no charge if you are a member of an overseas Industrial or Occupational Hygiene Organisation recognised by the National Accreditation Recognition (NAR) Committee.

I don't practice Occupational Hygiene in the UK, but I am a member of BOHS/the Faculty. Do I need to be on the Register?

The Register is for those providing Occupational Hygiene services to UK duty-holders. Practice outside of the UK is not subject to registration and as such you do not need to be on the Register.

How do I get Registered?

Where do I start?

If you are a member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, during 2023 you will have been asked to confirm you wish be entered onto the Register and your data will have entered during late 2023/start of 2014. You can indicate that you do not wish to be on the Register on your membership profile. Your eligibility will be checked by the BOHS Head Office team.

If you are an Occupational Hygienist but not a member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene, registration will open later in 2024. Your application will be online and will require evidence of your identity, qualifications and an outline of your professional experience. You will also need to pay a non-refundable fee for assessment. As an alternative, you can apply to become a member of the Faculty of Occupational hygiene if you have appropriate qualifications, but you will need to commit to professional activities such as the Faculty's CPD scheme.

If you are a member of another professional body, the list of bodies where there is a recognition agreement in place will be developed during 204. Details of specific arrangements will be published in due course.

Who can I ask for help?

Questions can be emailed to register@bohs.org

How do I know what level I can claim?

The following Levels of Expertise are used within the Register:

- **Qualified Occupational Hygienist.** A Qualified Occupational Hygienist will be able to work unsupervised and provide advice, within their level of experience and competence on the identification, evaluation, measurement, control and impact of a wide range of workplace exposures. This category included Licentiates and Chartered Members and Fellows of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene or those of verified equivalent qualifications and status.
- **Occupational Hygiene Technician.** An Occupational Hygiene Technician will be able to provide limited occupational hygiene services with supervision, according to their level of experience and qualification. The services may often be in one specific area such as workplace measurement of certain hazards or the maintenance of control measures for workplace hazards, but the individual may not be qualified or experienced to determine how effective control measures are in preventing unlawful exposures or recommending control measures. Individuals in this category may still be undergoing professional qualifications and training. This category includes Associate members of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene and qualified associates of other recognized professional Occupational Hygiene bodies.
- **Associated Professionals.** Other professionals, particularly within the Occupational Health and Safety Professions, who may be appropriately qualified to undertake specific Occupational Hygiene functions.

What do I do if I am having technical difficulties?

Please contact register@bohs.org

How much will it cost me?

For 2024, the cost for a member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene is £25

Costs for non-Faculty members will be communicated once registration opens in 2024

How do you use my data?

Your data will be used to assess your competence and qualifications and to verify your claims. It will not be used for purposes other than the governance of the register. Certain details provided will be published on the register. You are free to amend and update details at any time or to request your removal from the register. We will hold details of registrants for a reasonable period of time to enable the discharge of our regulatory duties and such data will be held in accordance with the GDPR Regulations. Other than in compliance with our statutory or regulatory duties, we will not share your data with any other organisation or use your data

within BOHS, other than for purposes necessarily associated with your registration and information to help you maintain and manage it and your professional status.

How do I stay Registered?

What do I need to do to maintain my registration?

You need to maintain your information in an up to date and accurate way and need to abide by the [Code of Ethics](#). You need to maintain relevant continuing professional development. You need to pay your registration and renewal fees.

Can I be removed from the Register?

You can be removed from the Register as a result of a complaint if it is upheld about your professional conduct, if you breach the conditions of registration relating to the maintenance of your professional standing or if you fail to appropriately engage with the Register, including failure to pay registration fees.

Can I challenge a registration decision?

Registration decisions are subject to an appeals process, details of which can be found [here](#).

What if I want to come off the Register?

It is your choice to re-register in any given year. You may give us notice of your wish to be removed from the Register at any time. However, we will only be able to refund fees up to a maximum of 50% and that will be provided that notice is given not more than six months from the date of renewal. You may choose for your details not to be publicly displayed temporarily or permanently, and this can be effected within ten working days of any request and without charge.

Where can I get more help?

Accessibility assistance

If you need accessibility assistance in order to access the register, please contact register@bohs.org

IT and technical help

If you have IT difficulties with the register itself, please contact register@bohs.org

More information about the Register

Please refer to the Register webpage [Register of Occupational Hygiene Professionals - British Occupational Hygiene Society \(BOHS\)](#)