5) Professional References

Please submit two completed letters of reference with your application. List reference contact information below.

Reference #1 Full Name: _____

How do you know this person?:_____

Email:_____

Reference #2 Full Name: _____

How do you know this person?:_____

Email:_____

6) Examination and Proctor

All proctors must be approved. Though other options exist, if reasonably possible, your proctor should be a BCE (see www.entocert.org/roster to find a BCE near you). ESA staff can assist in locating a proctor: Contact bce@entocert.org or call 1-301-731-4535 x3026. Applicants must test within 365 days of acceptance of application. **Application must be received at least 30 days prior to your exam.**

Proctor Full Name: _____   Test Date (if iknown): _____

How do you know this proctor?_____

Company/Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address:_____

City: _____   Province/State: _____   Postal Code: _____   Country: _____

Email: _____   Phone: _____

7) Fees and Payment Information

All new application fees shown include one attempt at the BCE core and specialty exams. If you are a current ESA member or are joining with this form, choose the ESA member rates. Fees are non-refundable unless application is denied, in which case half to all of the application fees will be returned.
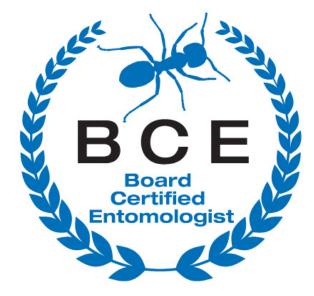
New Application Fees:

Full BCE application/examination fee (includes 1 specialty)	❏ $180/ESA members	❏ $225/Non-ESA members
Intern BCE application/examination fee (includes 1 specialty)	❏ $20/ESA members	❏ $40/Non-ESA members
Additional specialty examinations (each)	❏ $50/ESA members	❏ $75/Non-ESA members

Retesting Fees (only for those completing this application as a retest):

Re-examination fee	❏ $50/ESA members	❏ $75/Non-ESA members

ESA membership (ESA membership is annual check year(s) below): ❏ $170/full members   ❏ $55/student members
❏ 2024   ❏ 2025

Payment: Once your application is approved, your invoice will be generated and payable online by credit card or ACH.

Please apply by scanning and emailing the application and all necessary documents to bce@entsoc.org.

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Board Certified Entomologist (BCE)

Application
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BCE Certification can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs.

In today's complex, competitive, and highly-specialized market, credentials are so important. Even though you know that you have the education and skills to do the job, how do you convince customers and employers you do? Become a Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) and your credentials will be evident to everyone. BCEs are some of the most recognized experts in the field of entomology.

In today's marketplace, it's important to set yourself apart from the competition. Give yourself the BCE edge!

The Entomological Society of America Certification Corporation offers two certification programs, the BCE and the Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE). BCE is geared toward those with degrees in entomology or a related field and ACE is designed for those without a degree but who have hands-on training in structural pest management.

The BCE Program offers certification in four specialty areas:
(1) Urban and Industrial Entomology; (2) Medical and Veterinary Entomology; (3) General Entomology; (4) Plant-Related Entomology

Preparing for your BCE exams:
There are many ways to study for the exams. Study suggestions, including recommended books, can be found online at www. entocert.org/studying-bce-exams. Generally, the Core or Qualifying Exam is going to be much of the same information as was covered in your entomology courses in college.

Why Certify?
People tend to become a BCE for many different reasons, but they all come down to the same thing - professionalism: for you, your team, and your industry. Consider BCE if:

- you want to either advance in your current job or seek a higher challenge. Many professionals have found that having a certified entomologist on staff is a requirement to be able to bid on some commercial contracts.

- you are a manager, owner, or technical director who wants to set an example of professionalism for others.

- you want to be the best in your business. Choose to certify as a way to show your professionalism. Even with an academic degree, choosing to become a BCE is a symbol of the highest professional achievement.

BCE Requirements:
- Abide by the BCE Code of Ethics
- Submit at least two letters of professional reference
- Academic transcripts and work history (resume or CV) that documents a 4-year Bachelor's degree in entomology (or a closely related discipline You can see the full list of approved biological and life sciences here: https://entocert.org/bce/eligibility). Coursework must include at least 4 term length (semester, trimester, quarter) courses/research credits in Entomology. For those with an advanced degree, the same requirements hold true. If your advanced degree meets the requirements, your undergraduate degree does not need to, e.g.: you hold a bachelor's degree in Business, but an Master's in Entomology; that is sufficient to meet the requirements. The experiential requirements are as follows: For those with a bachelor's degree, at least 3 years of relevant experience; for those with a master's degree, at least 2 years of relevant experience; for those with a PhD degree, at least 1 years of relevant experience. Work experience before and after your degree counts.
- Ability to pass 2 exams (general qualifying exam and a specialty exam). Those desiring an additional specialty must pass the respective specialty exam(s). After receiving BCE designation, all candidates must abide by the BCE Code of Ethics and document a minimum number of CEUs every three years.

BCE- Intern
BCE Intern is an option for those who meet the academic requirements but don't yet have the experiential requirements. All of the other requirements stay the same. Once the years of experience requirement is met, applicants must convert to full BCE.

BCE and ESA membership:
Membership in the Entomological Society of America (ESA) is not a requirement to become a BCE. However, certification fees are reduced for ESA members. Visit www.entsoc.org/join for information on membership.

Using your BCE:
When you become a BCE, you are added to the searchable online public roster of Board Certified Entomologists at www.entocert. org. You also receive a professional certificate of accomplishment, a certification wallet card, a window decal, and an attractive BCE lapel pin. In addition, you will be authorized to use the BCE designation after your name, and you'll have a limited license to use the BCE logo.

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BCE Application and Retesting Form
ESA Certification Corporation
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Please apply by scanning and emailing the application and all necessary documents to bce@entsoc.org.

New applications check here ❑ and complete all parts of the application. Be sure to include:

- Both sides of this application
- Academic transcripts
- Required fees
- CV or resume that documents work history
- Two letters of professional reference
- Signature on BCE Code of Ethics section below

Retest applicants check here ❑ if you are a current applicant and need to retest. If so, please fill out sections 1, 2, 6 and 7 only

1) Contact Information

Full Name: _____

Employer/Company Name: _____

Work Mailing Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____ Country:_____

Home Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____ Country:_____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile:_____

Primary Email: _____ Alt. Email: _____

Are you an ESA member? ❑ Yes ❑ No   I would like to join ESA. ❑ Yes ❑ No (visit www.entsoc.org/join for more information)

Where did you learn about the BCE program? _____

2) Certification Information

Choose the specialty area(s) in which you want to be certified: If retesting, check which exam(s) you need to take.

❑ General Entomology
❑ Medical and Veterinary Entomology
❑ Urban and Industrial Entomology
❑ Plant-Related Entomology

Name as you wish it to appear on your certificate:_____
(Please print/type clearly)

3) Education

Educational/Professional Degree	Date Received	Major/Institution	Instit. Name/Address

4) BCE Code of Ethics

The BCE Code of Ethics is the guiding set of principles for moral, ethical, and legal conduct to which all BCEs and BCE applicants are expected to adhere. The Code details the BCEs obligations to society, fellow professionals, the public, the profession, and customers or clients and can be found online at www.entocert.org/bce-code-ethics. By signing your name below you are certifying that if your application to become an BCE is accepted and if you pass your examination and pay the applicable fees, you are willing to adhere to the BCE Code of Ethics.

Signature: _____ Date:_____