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 known): ____________________
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
Intern BCE application/examination fee (includes 1 specialty) $20/ESA members
Additional specialty examinations (each) $50/ESA members

Retesting Fees (only for those completing this application as a retest):
Re-examination fee $50/Non-ESA members

2022 ESA membership (ESA membership is annual):
$155/full members

Payment: All applications must be paid in full in order to be considered. Total enclosed: ______

Please check one:
☐ Check (check number ________________________)
☐ Credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa)

Credit Card Number: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ___________ CVV: ____________
Name on Credit Card: ___________________________ Total Amount Charged: ____________
Address: ___________________________ City: ____________ State: ______ Zip: ____________
Signature of Cardholder: ____________________________________________________________

Please apply by scanning and emailing the application and all necessary documents, or if you'd prefer to mail them, you can mail to ESA Certification Programs, 3 Park Place, Suite #307, Annapolis, MD 21401
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 several certification programs, including 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 six specialty areas:
1. Urban and Industrial Entomology
2. Medical and Veterinary Entomology
3. General Entomology
4. Plant-Related Entomology
5. Regulatory Entomology
6. Pesticide Development, Analysis, and Toxicology

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 either
  - A 4-year Bachelor’s degree in entomology (or a closely related discipline, such as biological sciences, zoology, ecology, etc.) and at least three years of professional work experience post-degree, or
  - A Master’s degree in entomology (or a closely related discipline) and at least two years of experience post-degree, or
  - A PhD in entomology (or a closely-related degree) and at least one year of experience post-degree
- Ability to pass two 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 continue to abide by the BCE Code of Ethics and document a minimum of continuing education requirements every three years.

BCE Interns:
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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