

About the CHMM Program

The Certified Hazardous Materials Manager® (CHMM®) credential is the standard of excellence within the hazardous materials management community. The CHMM® program was created in 1984 by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) to identify professionals possessing a superior body of knowledge and expertise.

The CHMM® designation demonstrates a professional's competency and commitment to technical excellence through continuing education, training and successful completion of a rigorous examination.

More than 13,000 professionals have earned the CHMM® credential. They are active in fields such as homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, transportation and public safety.

Professionals earning the CHMM® credential can achieve different levels of designation, including:

- Hazardous Materials Manager-In-Training (HMMT) – not a certified level;
- Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM); and
- Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP).

Benefits of becoming a CHMM®

There are various benefits to being a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager® (CHMM®):

- Recognized throughout the United States.
- Accredited by the Council of Engineering and Safety Boards (CESB).
- It is the credential of choice for environmental and hazardous materials professionals in the public and private sector, including the American Society of Safety Engineers, Auditing Roundtable, International Association of Emergency Managers, National Environmental Performance Track, National Environmental Safety & Health Training Association, RAB, General Motors Corp., Delphi Corp, DaimlerChrysler Corp. and ENSR International.
- Increases job opportunities. For example, the National Park Service actively recruits CHMMs in certain programs; a CHMM® holder with five years experience may pre-qualify for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Cleanup Star program.
- Provides recognition and respect through the use of the CHMM® designation on business cards and other paperwork.
- Certified experts may obtain higher pay.
- Networking and professional development opportunities through membership in ACHMM.

CHMM Requirements

To obtain the CHMM® certification, all candidates must:

- Have a baccalaureate degree (at minimum) from an accredited institution
- Have professional experience in the field to be able to sit for the CHMM® exam
- Pass the comprehensive CHMM® exam
- Adhere to the CHMM® Code of Ethics

For more information, visit the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) Web site at (http://www.ihmm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=64).

The CHMM Exam Schedule

To take the CHMM® qualifying examination you must submit an application and fulfill the requirements. Applications must be received by the IHMM at least six weeks prior to an examination.

The CHMM® examination is a closed-book test, consisting of 160 multiple-choice questions. The test must be completed in a three-hour period. The tested topics are Laws and Regulation (25 percent), Science and Technology (35 percent) and Management Principles and Practical Applications (40 percent).

Fees apply and are explained here.

(http://www.ihmm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=199)

Exams are given throughout the United States; schedules vary by state. To find the examination site closest to you, visit the IHMM website. (<http://www.ihmm.org/images/pdf/host-center-report07-14-10.pdf>)

You may also take advantage of the ACHMM Essentials of Hazardous Materials Management (EHMM) to prepare for your CHMM examination. View our [online course schedule](#) to see if there is an EHMM course coming to your area.

CHMM® Resources

Holders of the CHMM® credential can become members of AHMP, giving them a wealth of resources and development opportunities.

- Other resources available through IHMM include:
 - *IHMM Bulletin* (quarterly newsletter)
 - [IHMM Policies](#)
 - *Managing Hazardous Materials*, the most comprehensive and definitive book about the profession. For ordering information, visit [IHMM's Web site](#).
 - Access e-mail and [listserv discussion groups](#)

The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)

The Institute for Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), a nonprofit organization, runs the Certified Hazardous Materials Manager® (CHMM®) program. IHMM was founded in 1984, and is based in Rockville, Md., just outside Washington, D.C. IHMM publishes the certification requirements, administers the CHMM certification examination and handles the certification and recertification process.

More information about IHMM can be found on their Web site at www.ihmm.org.

Recertification of CHMM Credential

All Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (CHMMs) are required to be recertified every five years, in order to remain current with the rapid changes and new developments in the environmental, health and safety field.

To learn about recertification requirements visit http://www.ihmm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=73.