

All information and documentation must be in English. Please apply at www.bccsp.org.

1. Background

Certification is a voluntary program. It is not a membership. The fundamental concept is that as long as someone is practicing in a safety and health profession and wishes to hold their certification, the person must meet all requirements set forth to retain their certification. Retaining the certification means paying an annual fee and meeting the recertification requirements set by their certification standards.

For certification holders who are no longer engaged in safety and health practice, either full-time or part-time, BCSP offers the Retired status. **This status denotes that one previously held a certification but no longer meets the requirements to retain it, is not engaged in safety and health practice at any capacity, and no longer holds certification.** It also provides some rights to regain the certification, should an individual want to return to part-time or full-time work in safety and health practice without having to apply as a new candidate. The Retired status is not an honorary status denoting longevity in the profession or longevity as a certification holder.

Should a former certification holder wish to return to a safety and health practice from the Retired status, either on a part-time or full-time basis, the individual must choose to reacquire the certification and meet recertification requirements or drop the use of the Retired status.

A former certification holder may return to an active certified status without paying for and passing the applicable examination when reinstatement is requested on or before the retired status holder's Recertification cycle end date that was in place at the time the Retired status was first elected. The individual must request in writing to return to their certification status and pay the difference in annual renewal fees between the certified status and the retired status during the period of time the Retired status was held.

To regain certification after passing one's Recertification cycle, the individual must pay for and pass the applicable examination.

Individuals holding Retired status may not claim to hold certification. They may state the time period during which their certification was held (example: CSP held from 1988 through 2001) and display "Retired" in their title.

Those holding the Retired status must pay the applicable annual renewal fee. BCSP maintains their file and provides a wallet card that shows the Retired status. They receive the electronic version of the BCSP Newsletter and Annual Report.

Individuals may choose the Retired status at any time by submitting to BCSP a signed copy of the Retired Election form.

2. Statement of Eligibility

- I am no longer engaged in part-time or full-time professional safety and health practice (including safety and health consulting).
- I understand that I cannot use my certification while holding the Retired status and agree not to use my certification unless I reinstate to active status as prescribed by BCSP.
- I understand that it is acceptable to make a factual statement showing the time period during which I was in good standing and held the certification (example: CSP held from 1988 to 2001) and to display "Retired" in my title.

Examples of correct citation:

First Name Last Name, OHST Retired

First Name Last Name, CSP (Ret.)

First Name Last Name, CHST (Retired)

- I understand that I can return to active status without paying for and passing the applicable examination when reinstatement is requested on or before my Recertification cycle end date that was in place at the time I elected the Retired status.

