



CSP-RETIRED ELECTION FORM

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BACKGROUND

Certification is a voluntary program. It is not a membership. The fundamental concept is that as long as someone is practicing as a safety professional and wishes to hold the CSP certification, the person must meet the requirements to retain the CSP certification. Retaining the CSP means paying an annual fee and meeting the Continuance of Certification standard of 25 points every five years.

For CSPs who are no longer engaged in professional safety practice, either full-time or part-time, BCSP offers a CSP-Retired status. **This status denotes that one previously held the CSP, but no longer meets the requirements to retain the CSP, is not engaged in professional safety practice in any amount, and is not a CSP.** It also provides some rights to regain the CSP should someone want to return to part-time or full-time professional safety practice. This status allows those who leave the safety profession altogether for any reason, such as becoming engaged in other employment or professional fields or retiring from service with an employer, a means for reacquiring the CSP without having to apply as a new candidate. The CSP-Retired status is **not** an honorary status denoting longevity in the profession or as a CSP.

Someone who has left part-time or full-time professional safety practice and, as a result, changed to CSP-Retired from CSP status, wish to return to professional safety practice, the person must choose to either reacquire the CSP and meet certification requirements or drop the use of their CSP-Retired status.

! For the first five years after electing CSP-Retired status, someone may regain the CSP without sitting for and passing the Comprehensive Practice examination. To regain the CSP during that five year period, the individual must request in writing to return to CSP status, pay the difference in annual renewal fees between the CSP-Retired and CSP status for the period during which the CSP-Retired was held, and demonstrate compliance with the Continuance of Certification program based on the normal five-year cycle schedule that was in place at the time the person elected to drop the CSP and moved to CSP-Retired status.

! After five years, someone holding the CSP-Retired status can regain the CSP only by

- 1) sitting for and passing the Comprehensive Practice examination and
- 2) paying the difference in annual renewal fees between the CSP-Retired and CSP status since electing the CSP-Retired status.

Those in CSP-Retired status may not claim to hold the CSP. Those holding the CSP-Retired status must pay the applicable annual renewal fee. They receive the BCSP Newsletter and Annual Report. BCSP maintains their file and provides a wallet card that shows the CSP-Retired status. Those holding the CSP-Retired status may state the time period during which the CSP was validly held (example: CSP held from 1988 through 2001).

ELECTING THE CSP-RETIRED STATUS

Individuals may choose the CSP-Retired status at any time by completing and submitting to BCSP the election declaration form on the reverse side.

ELECTION DECLARATION FOR CSP-RETIRED STATUS
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STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

1. I am no longer engaged in part-time or full-time professional safety practice (including safety consulting).
2. I understand that I cannot use the CSP designation while holding the CSP-Retired status and agree not to use the CSP unless I re-establish my right to use the CSP designation as prescribed by BCSP. I understand that it is acceptable to make a factual statement showing the period during which I validly held the CSP (example: CSP held from 1988 to 2001).
3. I understand that for a period of five years after filing this election of CSP-Retired status, I can regain the CSP without retaking and passing the Comprehensive Practice examination, but I must pay any difference between the CSP-Retired and CSP annual renewal fees for the period during which I held the CSP-Retired status and demonstrate compliance with the Continuance of Certification program.
4. I understand that after five years from the date I elect the CSP-Retired status, in order to regain the CSP certification, I must sit for and pass the current Comprehensive Practice examination and pay any difference between the CSP-Retired and CSP annual renewal fees for the period during which I held the CSP-Retired status.
5. I agree that should I return to professional safety practice on either a part-time or full-time basis (including consulting), I will contact BCSP to either regain the CSP designation or to relinquish my right to the CSP-Retired status and regaining the CSP, except as a new applicant.
6. I understand that should BCSP determine that I have used the CSP designation or violated any aspect of this election statement while holding the CSP-Retired status, BCSP has the right to terminate the use of the CSP-Retired status and any options for regaining the CSP, has the right to impose a five-year waiting period prior to being able to reapply as a new candidate, and has the right to publish my name, city, state and country as having used the CSP without authority.

ELECTION DECLARATION

I declare that I have read and understand the Statement of Eligibility and am choosing the CSP-Retired status. I agree to abide by the provisions in the Statement of Eligibility.

Name _____ Signature _____

CSP Number _____ Date _____