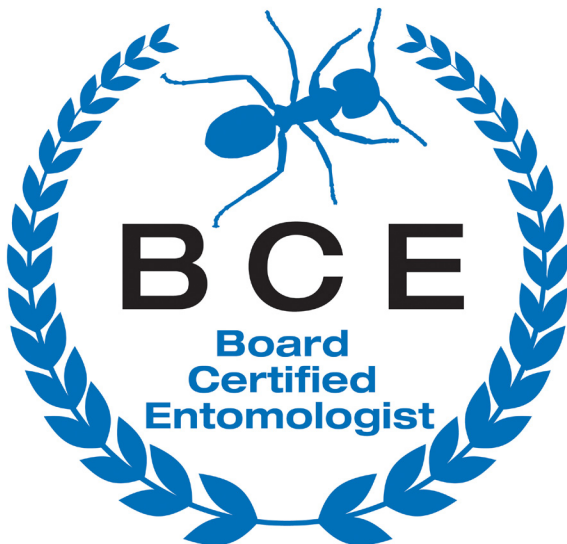


# Board Certified Entomologist (BCE)

## Benefits & Application

Includes BCE Retesting Form



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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, but 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 focused on those without a degree but with hands-on training in structural pest management.

## **The BCE Program offers certification in six specialty areas:**

- General Entomology
- Medical and Veterinary Entomology
- Pesticide Development, Analysis and Toxicology
- Plant-Related Entomology
- Regulatory Entomology
- Urban and Industrial 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](http://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 their 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 their professionalism. Even with an academic degree, choosing to become a BCE is a symbol of the highest professional achievement.

## **BCE Requirements:**

All candidates for BCE must have a minimum of a 4-year degree in entomology (or a closely related discipline, such as biological sciences, zoology, ecology, etc.). With a Bachelor's degree, you'll also need at least three years of full-time professional work experience post-degree. If you have a Master's degree in entomology you need just two years of full-time professional work experience post-degree, and you cut that down to just one year of full-time professional work experience post-degree if you have your PhD in entomology or a closely-related degree.

All candidates must adhere to the BCE Code of Ethics and submit academic transcripts, a current CV, two letters of reference and the required fees. Everyone must pass two exams (general entomology qualifying exam and a speciality exam). Those desiring an additional speciality must pass the respective speciality exam(s). After receiving BCE designation, all candidates must continue to abide by the BCE Code of Ethics and document a minimum number of continuing education requirements every three years.

## **BCE Interns:**

For those who meet the academic requirements but don't yet have the experiential requirements, BCE Intern is an option. All of the requirements stay the same and as soon as the years of experience requirement is met you will move to full BCE. For those without a degree, ACE is your best option for professional entomology credentialing.

## **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](http://www.entsoc.org/join) for information on membership.

## **Using your BCE:**

When you become a BCE, you are added to the publically-available, searchable online roster of Board Certified Entomologists –visit [www.entocert.org/roster](http://www.entocert.org/roster). 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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Submit this application and all additional documentation to the ESA Certification Corporation at 3 Park Place, Suite #307; Annapolis, MD 21401 (U.S.A.). You may also apply by scanning and emailing or faxing the application.



New applications check here:  Please complete all parts of the application and 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, 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](http://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
- Pesticide Development, Analysis, and Toxicology
- Plant-Related Entomology
- Regulatory Entomology
- Urban and Industrial Entomology

Name as you wish it to appear on your certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print/type clearly)

## 3) Education (attach transcripts)

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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5) Professional References

Please submit two completed letters of reference with your application. List their 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

If reasonably possible, a proctor should be a BCE (see [www.entocert.org/roster](http://www.entocert.org/roster) to find a BCE near you). If a BCE is not available other proctors may be approved by the Examining Committee chairman. All proctors must be approved. If a BCE is not available in your area, the ESA Certification Corporation can assist in locating a proctor. Contact [bce@entocert.org](mailto:bce@entocert.org) or call +1 301-731-4535 x3013. 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 exams. If you are a current ESA member or are joining with this form, choose the ESA member rates.

### 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 (Calendar year 2016):

\$144/full members

\$36/student members  
(must be attending classes now)

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** All applications must be paid in full in order to be considered.

### **Please check one:**

Check (check number \_\_\_\_\_)

Credit card (Am. Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Charged: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

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