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Board Certification
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History & Mission

HISTORY

Founded in 1955 for the principal purpose of serving the public by improving the practice, elevating the standards, and advancing public recognition of environmental engineering and science.

MISSION

Protecting public health and the environment by:

• Recognizing leadership and excellence through board certification of environmental engineers and scientists

• Providing professional development opportunities for students, engineers, and scientists
Environmental Engineering and Science Foundation (EESF)

Environmental Engineering and Science Foundation

EESF is an independent organization associated with the Academy. Founded in 1998, this 501(c)(3) entity operates to educate the public about the relevance and benefits of environmental engineering and science and to further the education of its practitioners.

EESF donations are tax-exempt and they help support the future of environmental engineering and science professions. In turn, the EESF helps to fund educational and outreach efforts of the Academy.

Additional information on EESF can be found at http://www.eesfoundation.org/
Curricula Accreditation

- The American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists® is the lead society for environmental engineering and environmental science education program accreditation. AAEES has sponsored the accreditation of 105 environmental engineering and science programs worldwide. ABET accredits global environmental engineering and environmental science curricula. Setting and enforcing program guidelines ensures that persons attending accredited programs receive an equivalent education consistent with the needs of the profession.

- ABET has accredited 4,307 programs at 846 colleges and universities in 41 countries.
Board Certification Defined

Board Certification

• Bringing specialized credential above-and-beyond general licensure of PE, PG, etc.

• The BCEE, BCES, and BCEEM certifications are internationally recognized as premium credentials that are awarded to experienced professionals who have demonstrated expertise in one or more areas of specialization.
AAEES Sponsoring Organizations

Professional societies and associations who promote board certification of environmental engineers and scientists and support AAEES. Each sponsoring organization provides a representative on the Academy’s Board of Trustees. Many of the current sponsoring organizations have collaborated as far back as 1955 to found the AAEES.
The Academy's endeavors have focused on individual membership and the actions of these individuals in implementing its goals.

It is the Academy's firm belief that the synergistic impact of individual membership activities, coupled to support by the organizations in which they work, creates a powerful success model that enables the Academy to better implement its organizational goals and mission. This Patrons Program typifies this model.

The **Patrons Program** umbrella is expansive. Its intent is to have our patrons effectively co-brand with the Academy for everything that it does in outreach to either members or the general public.

AAEES strives to provide consistent recognition for our Patrons. Wherever the Academy goes and wherever Academy materials appear, those of its Patrons also appear.

We invite you to consider having your organization become an Academy Patron.

**Please contact Benson Pair for more information: bpair@aaees.org**
AAEES Patrons

Geosyntec consultants

dc water is life

BLACK & VEATCH

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

DELWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS
Converting Waste Into Resources

Leadership and Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science
AAEES Awards Conference

AAEES hosts the awards conference each year. A series of technical speakers share their knowledge and the E3s Awards are presented. The Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science Awards Competition exists to identify and reward the best of today's environmental engineering and science. Its criteria define what it takes to be the best in environmental engineering and science practices: a holistic environmental perspective, innovation, proven performance and customer satisfaction, and contribution to an improved quality of life and economic efficiency.

• Design
• Research
• Planning
• Small Firms
• Small Projects
• Environmental Sustainability
• Operations/Management
• Industrial Waste Practice
• University Research
Additional Activities

• Facilitates numerous conferences, seminars and webinars
• Supports the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying
• Sponsors the Kappe Lecture Series to academia
• Supports Student Chapters and their students at over 30 universities across the country
AAEES Publications

- **AAEES High Points Monthly newsletter**
  Monthly online newsletter featuring Academy news, events and member articles.

- **Environmental Engineer and Scientist**
  The quarterly periodical of AAEES.

- **Who’s Who in Environmental Engineering and Science**
  Online Directory of BCEEs, BCESs, BCEEMs, and other AAEES members.
  *Available exclusively to AAEES members.*
# Types of Membership

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- **BCEE**
  Board Certified Environmental Engineer, with a PE license

- **BCEEM**
  Board Certified Environmental Engineering Member

- **BCES**
  Board Certified Environmental Scientist

- **AAEES Member**
  Practicing in the field, but not yet Board Certified.
  (Generally aspiring to be board certified)
  Must be approved by the board

- **Student Member**
  A student currently enrolled in an accredited Environmental Engineering or Science degree program
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<td><strong>Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE)</strong></td>
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<td>• Licensed professional engineer engaged in environmental engineering.</td>
<td>• An individual engaged in environmental science.</td>
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<td>• Written exam and peer review with at least eight years experience including four years of responsible charge beyond the baccalaureate degree.</td>
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<td>• Written exam waived for candidates with more than 16 years experience</td>
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<td><strong>Board Certified Environmental Engineering Member (BCEEM)</strong></td>
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<td>• Same requirements as BCEE but P.E. license not required.</td>
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<td><strong>Board Certification through Eminence</strong></td>
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<td>• Accomplished through a nomination process. Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by an AAEES member.</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate a minimum of 20 years of experience in environmental engineering with at least ten of those years in a senior position. See aaees.org for full list of requirements.</td>
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Membership Requirements

Non-Board Certified Membership Requirements

AAEES Member
Minimum of a baccalaureate degree in environmental engineering (or related) or environmental science (or related) and currently practicing in the field or actively engaged in teaching.

Student Member
Enrolled and pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in environmental engineering or environmental science (or related branch of engineering or science.)

Free membership for one year following graduation.
By obtaining certification, you demonstrate expertise through comprehensive written and oral examinations in one or more of the following specialties:

- Air Pollution Control
- Environmental Sustainability
- General Environmental Engineering
- Hazardous Waste Management & Site Remediation
- Industrial Hygiene Engineering
- Radiation Protection Engineering
- Solid Waste Management
- Water Supply and Wastewater Engineering
Board Certified Environmental Scientist Available Specialties

By obtaining certification, you demonstrate expertise through comprehensive written and oral examinations in one or more of the following specialties:

- Air Resources
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Microbiology
- Environmental Toxicology
- Air Resources
- Groundwater and the Subsurface Environment
- Hazardous Waste Management and Site Remediation
- Solid Waste Management
- Surface Water Resources
- Sustainability Science
## Value and Benefits of Certification

### Value of being a Board-Certified Member

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<th><strong>Credentials</strong></th>
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<td>Highest level of credentials in environmental engineering and science, jointly recognized by the AAEES Sponsoring Organization including: AIChE, A&amp;WMA, APHA, APWA, ASEE, ASCE, AWWA, AEESP, NSPE, SWANA, WEF</td>
<td>Pride in accomplishment: proof of reaching highest honors in environmental engineering and science</td>
<td>Career advancement/marketability due to advanced credentials recognized throughout our industry</td>
<td>Enhanced technical respect among our peers and clients and for expert witness credentials. Name and credentials listed in Who’s Who in Environmental Engineering and Science</td>
<td>Networking and comradery with most advanced technical leaders in our industry, providing many opportunities for shared learnings and relationship development</td>
<td>Access to leading-edge publications and live webinars provided by the AAEES throughout each year</td>
<td>Annual prestigious awards program provides top tier peer recognition for individuals and teams for some of the most important environmental engineering and science projects in the world</td>
<td>Opportunity to provide service to our profession, helping to fulfill an important responsibility we all have</td>
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# Value and Benefits of Certification

## Value to Organizations and Leaders
(by having BCEE and BCES staff on their teams)

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<td>Demonstrates commitment to excellence</td>
<td>Enhances project reliability, cost efficiency, profitability</td>
<td>Achieves recognition by clients, regulators, public</td>
<td>Improves environmental innovation and impacts</td>
<td>Supports “employer of choice” status</td>
<td>Annual awards recognition opportunity for organization and clients</td>
<td>Provides access to leading edge technical knowledge</td>
<td>Enhances sustainability and brand</td>
<td>Encourages Opportunity to provide service to the profession</td>
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*Leadership and Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science*
Value Proposition

**Competitive Advantage** in Selection Process

**Networking**
*With the Profession’s Most Highly Qualified Professionals*

**Assures the Public of**
*High Level Expertise*

**Peer Recognition**

**Professional Esteem**

**Improved Career Success**

**Demonstration of Personal Commitment to Excellence**

**Individual Projects & Awards**

**Changes the Corporate Culture to an Expectation of Excellence**
Some additional benefits of becoming Board Certified include:

- Opportunities to participate in advancing the state-of-the-art of the environmental engineering and science professions through participation in Academy committees
- Objective testimony to your special expertise and level of proficiency beyond that which is required to practice as a professional engineer (P.E. license not required to become a BCEEM or BCES)
- A biographical listing as Board Certified in *Who’s Who in Environmental Engineering and Science®* - the recognized guide to the current leaders in environmental engineering and environmental science
- Participation in programs that encourage the hiring of Board Certified individuals through distribution of the *Who’s Who in Environmental Engineering and Science®*
- Complimentary subscription to the *Environmental Engineer and Scientist*, the quarterly periodical of AAEES that focuses on environmental engineering and environmental science history, professional practice issues, and environmental policy
- Discounted entry fees for the annual *Excellence in Environmental Engineering and Science* competition, which provides public recognition of quality environmental engineering and environmental science projects and programs
- Discounted registration fees for monthly webinars
How to Apply for Board Certification or Membership

If you think you may meet the **minimum requirements** to become Board Certified, you can get started by filling out an application today.

Board Certification Application

Board Certification Web Page

Or if you don’t qualify to become Board Certified but would like to become a AAEES member, please visit our website at [www.aaees.org](http://www.aaees.org) or click on one of the following links...

AAEES Member Web Page

Student Member Web Page
Contact Us

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