

	Environmental Health Associate (NEW May 1, 2024)	Environmental Health Specialist
Degrees Required by NCGS 90A	<p>Associates, bachelor's, or graduate degree from an EHAC program.</p> <p>Associates, bachelor's, or graduate degree with a minimum of 15 semester hours of physical, biological, natural, life or health sciences.</p>	<p>Bachelor's or graduate degree from an EHAC program or,</p> <p>Bachelor's degree or graduate degree in public health and one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice; or</p> <p>Bachelor's degree or graduate degree with a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences and one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice.</p>
License or Certification Required	Complete specialized instruction and training offered by the environmental health section of DPH.	Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or licensed as an Environmental Health Specialist.
Environmental Health Duties Allowable under NCGS 90A	<p>Can perform the following duties under the direct supervision of a registered environmental health specialist (90A-52 (b)(1)):</p> <p>Permitting and inspections of private water wells.</p> <p>Inspections of Category I food establishments, temporary food establishments, and limited food service establishments.</p> <p>Inspections of lodging establishments.</p> <p>Permitting and inspections of any Type II or Type III on-site wastewater systems, including system layouts and existing wastewater systems.</p>	<p>Can perform all the duties listed in the Associate column, plus:</p> <p>Permit or inspect Type IV, V, and VI wastewater systems (i.e., more advanced systems).</p> <p>Inspect Category II, III, and IV food establishments (the majority of restaurants in NC that pose a higher risk of foodborne illness).</p> <p>Inspect childcare facilities.</p> <p>Inspect tattooing facilities.</p> <p>Conduct lead investigations for lead-poisoned children.</p> <p>Inspect public swimming pools and spas.</p>

	<p>Inspections of migrant housing. Inspections of private, public, and religious schools.</p> <p>Inspections of local confinement facilities.</p> <p>Inspections of residential care facilities</p>	
<p>Environmental Health Practice area restrictions</p>	<p>An Environmental Health Associate <u>cannot</u> perform the following duties:</p> <p>Permit or inspect Type IV, V, and VI wastewater systems (i.e., more advanced systems).</p> <p>Inspect Category II, III, and IV food establishments (the majority of restaurants in NC that pose a higher risk of foodborne illness).</p> <p>Inspect childcare facilities.</p> <p>Inspect tattooing facilities.</p> <p>Conduct lead investigations for lead-poisoned children.</p> <p>Inspect public swimming pools and spas.</p>	<p>None</p>