



**WEST VIRGINIA
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FOR SANITARIANS**

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To: WV Sanitarians in Training

From: Lloyd White, R.S. Chairman
West Virginia Board of Registration for Sanitarians

Date: March 6, 2009

Re: Clarification of 2 Year Experience Requirement Needed for Sanitarian or Registered Sanitarian Status.

Within the current law governing the Registration of Sanitarians as well as in the proposed revised law there is an experience requirement to be registered as a Registered Sanitarian (RS) and in the proposed law the RS as well as Sanitarian. "Employed as a sanitarian in an official health department or allied agency for a period of not less than two years". The intent of the law is to have 2 years of full time experience doing Sanitarian duties, and not just be employed by a health department for two years. Several local health departments have started splitting people's duties between different major roles in the health department. Therefore, this memo is being issued to clarify this section of the law. Those not working full time as a Sanitarian will be required to obtain the equivalent experience hours of 4160 hours to meet the experience requirement for Sanitarian or Registered Sanitarian.

Since the proposed law will switch many of you from Sanitarian-In-Training status to Sanitarian status, we are requesting that all current SITs submit the attached Experience Summary form to us so we can evaluate your readiness for the new Sanitarian Status. Those working full time as a Sanitarian will be able to just list your employer information and date started working as a Sanitarian to current time. If there has been a break in employment you must list each employer and dates when worked. Those working part time will have to go into much more detail. If you work same days a week as Sanitarian every week you can list it Xday-Yday every week from Date to date. If work on an as needed or irregular schedule you will have to list the actual days and hours worked (i.e.: X Date 8 hrs, Y Date 8 hrs.) in order to meet the hours worked requirement.

If you have any questions on this policy or filling out the form please contact any member of the Board.