



Certification that speaks for your work

Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE)
Board Certified Environmental Scientist (BCES)

Independent peer review. Professional recognition. A stronger voice for environmental excellence.

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Your experience deserves independent recognition



AAEES certification is a professional review of the knowledge, judgment, and experience behind your work.

01

CREDIBILITY

Show clients, employers, and peers that your qualifications have been independently reviewed.

02

DISTINCTION

Stand apart through a credential focused on environmental engineering or environmental science.

03

COMMUNITY

Join accomplished professionals committed to protecting public health and the environment.

Choose the credential that matches your profession

BCEE

Board Certified Environmental Engineer

- Professional engineering (PE) license is part of the application
- CV, education records, and two references
- Peer review, plus written examination when required fewer than 16 years of experience, and 12 years in responsible charge.

BCES

Board Certified Environmental Scientist

- Designed for accomplished environmental scientists
- CV, education records, and two references
- Peer review, plus written examination when required fewer than 16 years of experience, and 12 years in responsible position.

A complete application keeps the process moving

Prepare these items before you begin.

01	Curriculum vitae	Summarize education, roles, responsibilities, and environmental accomplishments.
02	License	BCEE applicants include evidence of a professional engineering license.
03	Education records	Provide a transcript or diploma.
04	Two references	Select people who can speak to your professional work and judgment.
05	\$150 application fee	Submitted with the application. May be waived if applicant is an AAEES Member or is employee of a Patron. \$8,000 private industry/\$6,000 for government agency

Your application moves through five clear stages



The process is intentionally substantive: independent review is what gives the credential meaning.

Peer review is the heart of the credential

At least two certified professionals review each candidate.

2+

REVIEWERS

Minimum assigned to
each candidate

~1 hr

CONVERSATION

Typical length of the peer
review

1

SHARED PURPOSE

Assess professional
competence and
judgment

What to expect

- A professional discussion, not a trivia contest
- Questions grounded in your experience and responsibilities
- A written recommendation returned to AAEES

Some candidates will require a written examination

\$175

EXAMINATION FEE

When a written examination is required, AAEES submits the candidate's information to an independent testing provider.

Fee is waived for employees of Patrons, and 50% if the applicant is an AAEES Member.

Plan for the scheduling window

1–2 days

Information sent to testing provider

Up to 2 months

Candidate schedules and completes the exam

Upon completion

AAEES receives the score

The final review waits for the examination result when an exam is required.

Review takes time, so apply before you need the credential

Applications are accepted throughout the year, while committee review and reviewer coordination may occur in batches.

Application received	Year-round	Staff may follow up for missing materials
Admissions review	Typically batched	Typically, three or four review cycles per year
Peer review	Scheduled individually	At least two reviewers must be coordinated
Final Board action	Usually 2–3 weeks	After peer review and any required exam are complete

Best practice: submit a complete application well ahead of a promotion, proposal, or project deadline.

Your work protects communities. Let your credential show it.

Start with three simple steps

- 1 Confirm whether BCEE or BCES fits your professional path.
- 2 Gather your CV, education records, references, and license documentation.
- 3 Visit AAEES.org to review current requirements and begin your application.

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