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## **IHMM to Debut New Reinstatement Policy**

ROCKVILLE, MD (11 November 2016) – The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management is pleased to announce a new Reinstatement Policy for former IHMM certificants whose credentials have lapsed due to failure to meet final deadlines for recertification or annual fee payment.

The policy will allow those who are five years or less in arrears in both categories to apply to regain their certification without going through the full certification process, including replacing the need to retake the exam. While time in service is lost at the time a credential is decertified, reinstated certificants may regain their original certification numbers.

Generally, reinstatement will require submission of an application and payment of a \$75 application fee. Once approved, the applicant will need to pay all annual fees past due at the time of credential expiration or decertification plus applicable late fees and a \$200 reinstatement fee. If the applicant's previous recertification deadline has passed, they will also need to complete a recertification application in order to demonstrate professional currency before being reinstated. Once all requirements are met, the candidate will be reinstated to active certified status.

**Implementation of the new policy will require substantial technical development, and the policy will not become effective until this process is complete. If you are currently decertified, you will receive email notice from IHMM when the program launches (ensure that your primary contact email has been updated in MyIHMM).**

**If you are currently decertified and need or wish to regain your credential in the short term, you may do so by completing the regular certification process using your existing MyIHMM account.**

The full text of the policy appears below:

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### **IHMM Certification Reinstatement Policy (Effective Upon MyIHMM Implementation)**

An individual who previously held an IHMM certification that has not been decertified on ethical grounds may apply to have his or her certification reinstated if their annual fees have been expired for less than five (5) years and/or their decertified certification has been expired for less than five (5) years. If either condition is not met, the individual must go through the full certification process in order to become certified again.

**Reinstatement is not a reversal of decertification. All time in service is lost at the time of decertification. For more information regarding reversal of decertification, please refer to IHMM's Decertification Appeal Policy.**



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**Evidence of knowing continued use of a decertified certification after having been provided notice of decertification by IHMM is both illegal and unethical, and will render the individual ineligible for reinstatement.**

In order to begin the reinstatement process, the former certificant must complete and submit the reinstatement application and pay the Reinstatement Application Fee of \$75.00. Submission of a reinstatement application and payment of the fee **does not** confer any change in certification status. IHMM staff will review the application to determine the applicant's eligibility for reinstatement and, upon approval of the application, the applicant may then complete the reinstatement process as described below.

#### *Annual Fees*

An applicant whose certification has been decertified on grounds of past due Annual Certification Maintenance Fees (ACMF) must pay all fees past due at the time of decertification, including late fees, as well as an additional Reinstatement Administrative Fee of \$200. If annual fees were the only grounds for decertification, the applicant's previous certification expiration date will be applied to the reinstated certification.

#### *Recertification*

In addition to meeting all fee-related reinstatement requirements as described above, an applicant whose certification has been decertified on grounds of failure to recertify or whose previous certification expiration date and submission grace period have passed must complete a recertification application covering a period ending on the final day of the month the reinstatement application is submitted and going back five years. Reinstatement of certification will not be awarded until this application has been approved by IHMM, and there is no change in certification status conferred until an applicant finishes this recertification application.

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**If you have any questions about decertification or IHMM's Reinstatement Policy, please contact IHMM's Recertification Department at [recertinfo@ihmm.org](mailto:recertinfo@ihmm.org).**

#### **About the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management**

For over 30 years the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1984, has been protecting the environment and the public's health, safety, and security through the administration of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials.

Over 16,000 homeland security, environmental protection, engineering, health sciences, transportation, and public safety professionals have earned IHMM's accredited Certified Hazardous Materials Manager credential. IHMM also administers the Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner credential, Certified Dangerous Good Professional and the Certified Dangerous Goods Trainer (CDGT) program.