



**CANADIAN REGISTRATION BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENISTS
CONSEIL CANADIEN D'AGRÉMENT DES HYGIÉNISTES DU TRAVAIL**

Scope of Practice

Statement for Accreditations

Registered Occupational Hygienist (ROH) and Registered Occupational Hygiene Technologist (ROHT)

The Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists (CRBOH) envisions a future of diminished death, disease, and discomfort due to occupational hazards. This vision, while ideologically simplistic, is logistically complex. Currently, the practice and profession of Occupational Hygiene (OH) is not (yet) regulated in Canada. As such, the door is open for unqualified and non-accredited individuals to conduct work that should be under the purview of an OH professional. The work of the Occupational Hygienist considers hazards with effects on human health and the function of the human body, rather than the more generalist safety hazards. Although there is an obvious overlap between what falls into the health vs. safety fields, there is also a significant deviation between the two competencies.

The CRBOH believes the practice of OH, and thus the OH professional, should possess advanced knowledge, understanding, and technical ability within the field of OH, gained through intensive and specialized scientific education, training, and practical experience within the field. Further, given the significant breadth and depth of the subject matter, these OH professionals must understand and recognize the limits of their own expertise, as well as the need for continuous learning and professional development. Registered OH professionals and practitioners under the CRBOH (ROH & ROHT) and other similar certificants (i.e., CIH, IOHA's NAR) are held to rigorous standards, ensuring competency, ethical practice, and continuation of learning during their careers in OH. Those that are not registered OH professionals and practitioners, are not.

For the health and protection of the Canadian workforce and public, and the fulfillment of the CRBOH's vision, it is imperative that the OH profession move towards a model of professional regulation which understands and accounts for the differences between the practice of Occupational Hygiene, and Occupational Safety.

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