

# SDS and Label Authoring Registry

## Steps to Success!





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The SDS and Label Authoring Registry program recognizes chemical hazard communication and environmental health professionals who specialize in authoring safety data sheets (SDS) and labels. This registry program was developed through a partnership with the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) to ensure the recognition of competent professionals. To gain the *SDS Registered Professional* (SDSRP®) credential, an individual must meet the established qualifications and must demonstrate competency in the skills and knowledge defined by the program's Body of Knowledge (BoK). This AIHA Registry Program is the first credential that provides recognition for individuals who have expertise in this area. The goal of this program is to improve the overall quality of SDSs and labels by encouraging individuals to develop the knowledge and skills needed to gain this credential.

## **The Need**

The international impact of the adoption of the *Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals* (GHS) is growing. As more countries adopt GHS, competent individuals will be needed to ensure accurate and consistent SDSs and labels. The accurate classification of a chemical's hazards, effective transmittal of information about those hazards, and the associated protective measures help ensure the safe use of chemicals through a product's life cycle. This information is of vital importance for employee and consumer safety and health.

## **The Registrants**

The SDS and Label Authoring Registry recognizes experienced professionals who have the minimum education, training, and experience in hazard communication and who regularly demonstrate competency in authoring SDSs and labels. The SDS and Label Authoring Registry credential is valid for 5 years.

## **The Qualifications**

The SDS and Label Authoring Registry requires an individual to have at least one (1) year of SDS and label authoring experience to be eligible for registration. In addition, some combination of higher education, continuing education, and professional certification is required before an individual is eligible to sit for the exam. Detailed qualification requirements can be found on the AIHA Registry Programs website.

## **The Application**

Applicants must submit an online SDS and Label Authoring Registry application and supporting documentation for review. Upon meeting the eligibility requirements, candidates will be contacted to schedule a competency assessment. The non-refundable application fee is \$100.

## **The Assessment**

The competency assessment is designed to determine an individual's proficiency in substance and mixture hazard classification and SDS and label authoring under the GHS system. The assessment is composed of a multiple-choice exam that focuses on the knowledge areas in the Body of Knowledge (BoK) and a practical exam based on the candidate's ability to utilize the GHS to classify a substance and a mixture, and complete a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), using the provided data sets.

The assessment is taken on an online platform and the fee is \$200. We also have an online, remote proctoring option available for an additional fee of \$50. Remote proctoring allows the candidate to take the assessment on their own equipment on their own schedule.

## **The Benefits**

Registration, through application, qualification, and successful assessment, allows registrants to engage in the full benefits of the SDS and Label Authoring Registry Program:

- Listing as an *SDS Registered Professional* (SDSRP®) on AIHA Registry Programs' website
- Recognition for the skills and knowledge gained over your career
- Recognition as a credentialed professional among peers

## **Additional Information**

For general information and information detailing the Registry Program, processes, and fees, please visit [www.aiharegistries.org/](http://www.aiharegistries.org/). For specific inquiries, contact AIHA Registry Programs at [registries@aiha.org](mailto:registries@aiha.org).

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