




# Certified in Public Health “Credentialing Public Health Professionals”





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**Take the CPH Job Task Analysis Survey and Be Counted in the Global Public Health Workforce Study**

Be part of a first-of-its-kind study of the most common functions of the public health workforce on a region-by-region basis across the globe. A subset of responses will be used to update the CPH content outline which allows the NBPHE to determine what is covered on the CPH exam.

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Public health is evolving rapidly - Tell us what you do as part of our profession

**Strategic Plan 2022-2027**




The NBPHE board of directors recently completed a new strategic plan for 2022-2027. We invite you to take a look at the plan which covers key goals for 2022-2027. We invite you to take a look.

**COVID-19 Update**




Waiver of recertification extension and reinstatement fees will continue through December 31, 2022. CPH can also continue to report up to 20 recertification credits per cycle for work directly related to COVID through December 31, 2022.

**Overview of CPH**



Check out [this video](#) that provides basics of the CPH certification process from eligibility to examination to recertification.

[CPH Informational Webinar](#)



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# History

## ASPH and APHA form task force on credentialing workforce

PROPOSED CREDENTIALING SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: WHAT WOULD IT MEAN FOR SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH?

Prepared for  
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## It's Time We Became a Profession

During their annual joint breakfast meeting last fall, the executive committees of the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) and the American Public Health Association (APHA) agreed that the public health workforce, and public health as an important societal endeavor, suffer from lack of definition, appreciation, and visibility. Despite the fact that public health can take credit for 80% of increased longevity and health, the story is simply not known; investments in public health have declined from a minuscule 2% of US health spending to a microscopic 0.9%; local

health budgets and staff are being slashed and their responsibilities transferred elsewhere, often to managed care and other clinical/treatment enterprises; and the public health workforce is traditionally undervalued and underpaid. While these are the long-term results of numerous factors, the executive committees agreed that one important factor, which we can change, is the absence of discernible, visible, organized professionalism. William Henry Welch, founding dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and arguably the most important



**The Feasibility and Desirability of Public Health Credentialing: A Survey of Public Health Leaders**  
*William C. Livingston, Jr., PhD, Lynn D. Woodhouse, EdD, and Steven W. Godin, PhD*

**The Public Health Workforce**  
Without a competent workforce, a public health agency is as useless as a new hospital with no health care workers.  
*by Kristine Gettle, Jacqueline Merrill, and Hugh H. Tilson*  
**ABSTRACT:** Defining the public health workforce and specifying its performance requirements present equal challenges as the nation anticipates public health needs for the twenty-first century. The core group of professionals employed by government public health agencies works in close partnership with a wide range of public, private, and voluntary org-

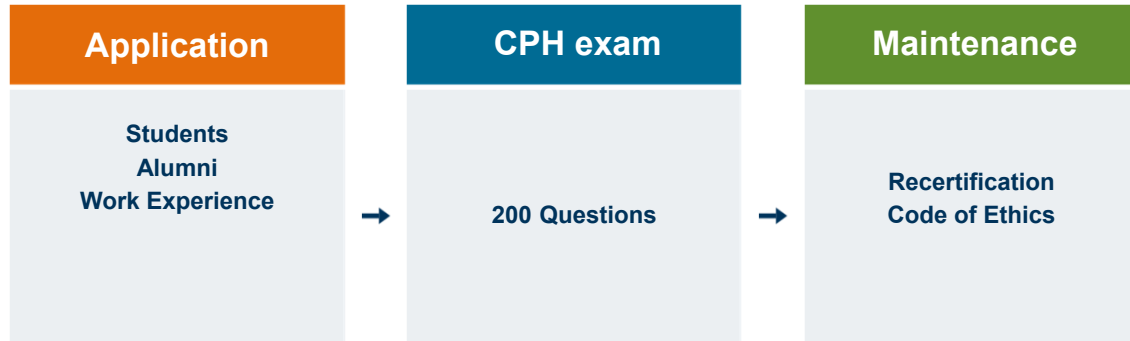
**10,000+**  
**Certified in Public Health**

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<h2>Why Should I Get Certified in Public Health?</h2>	<b>Stay</b>	Stay current in best practices
	<b>Meet</b>	Meet a national professional standard
	<b>Invest in</b>	Invest in your career
	<b>Increase</b>	Increase your potential for promotions and salary increases
	<b>Distinguish</b>	Distinguish yourself from your peers
	<b>Go</b>	Go beyond your education

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## Certification Process



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## Exam Eligibility



### Public Health Work Experience

- Minimum of **THREE** years of public health experience
  - At least a **GRADUATE** degree in a related field
- OR**
- Minimum of **FIVE** years of public health experience
  - At least a **BACHELOR'S** degree in any area

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## Exam Eligibility



**Does service as a U.S. PHS Officer count as public health work experience?**

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**Credentialing Public Health Leaders**

The Certified in Public Health is the mark of a public health professional. Demonstrate your knowledge of key public health sciences and join the ranks of public health leaders by sitting for and successfully passing the CPH exam. Distinguish yourself from your peers by showing employers that you can meet and maintain a national standard in public health through continuing education focused on emerging and established public health issues.

**Be the public health professional that the public needs. Be CPH certified.**

[Why Get Certified? »](#)

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**Why did you decide to get Certified in Public Health?**

### Registration Is Open



The CPH exam is now available 12 months a year at PSI testing centers. Paper and pencil exams are also offered at select dates/locations.

### New CPH Discounts



Members and personnel from the following organizations, along with students and alumni of the following schools and programs of public health are eligible for a discount on the

### CPH Credential Webinar



Register for the **CPH informational webinar on December 15 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern**. This one hour webinar will cover everything from determining eligibility, exam contents

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## Prices and Discounts

**Standard Fee = \$385**

**Discounts for COA members- \$315**

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health	\$315
Commissioned Officers Association Members	\$315
Cornell - 4H Public Health Essentials Certificate Program (enter student ID as membership identifier)	\$250
Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health	\$315
Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health	\$250
Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica	\$315
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health	\$315
Mississippi Public Health Association	\$250
Navy Nursing Corp Personnel	\$315

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**All verified candidates approved within two weeks**



**Scheduling instructions sent immediately after approval**



**Exam can be scheduled as soon as 72 hours later**


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## CPH Study Resources



1. Content Outline
2. Sample Exam Questions
3. Practice Exams
4. ASPPH Webinars
5. ASPPH Study Guide
6. APHA Study Guide
7. Springer Exam Review
8. In-person reviews



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### CPH Study Resources

Use the following resources to prepare for the CPH exam. Print this [CPH Study Checklist](#) keep track of your progress.




### SELF-ASSESSMENT

Complete your self-assessment to discover which domain areas are your strongest and which you may need to focus on a bit more.

Content Outline

Sample Exam Questions

Practice Exam



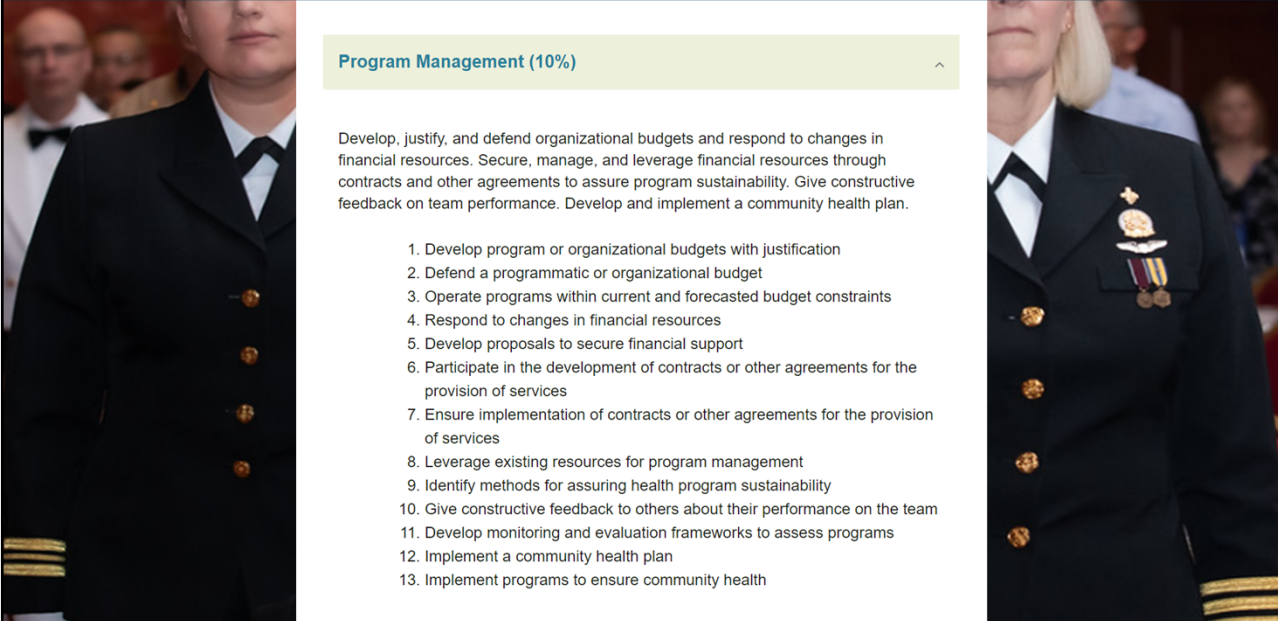
### PREPARE

After completing your self-assessment, utilize these resources to study for the exam.

**DISCLAIMER:**  
*These prep materials are developed independently from the National Board of Public Health Examiners. They may not represent the exact content on the CPH exam. They are intended to be used as reinforcement for what you have already learned. These materials are not required, endorsed, recommended, or approved by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.*

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## 1. Content Outline




**Program Management (10%)**

Develop, justify, and defend organizational budgets and respond to changes in financial resources. Secure, manage, and leverage financial resources through contracts and other agreements to assure program sustainability. Give constructive feedback on team performance. Develop and implement a community health plan.

1. Develop program or organizational budgets with justification
2. Defend a programmatic or organizational budget
3. Operate programs within current and forecasted budget constraints
4. Respond to changes in financial resources
5. Develop proposals to secure financial support
6. Participate in the development of contracts or other agreements for the provision of services
7. Ensure implementation of contracts or other agreements for the provision of services
8. Leverage existing resources for program management
9. Identify methods for assuring health program sustainability
10. Give constructive feedback to others about their performance on the team
11. Develop monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess programs
12. Implement a community health plan
13. Implement programs to ensure community health

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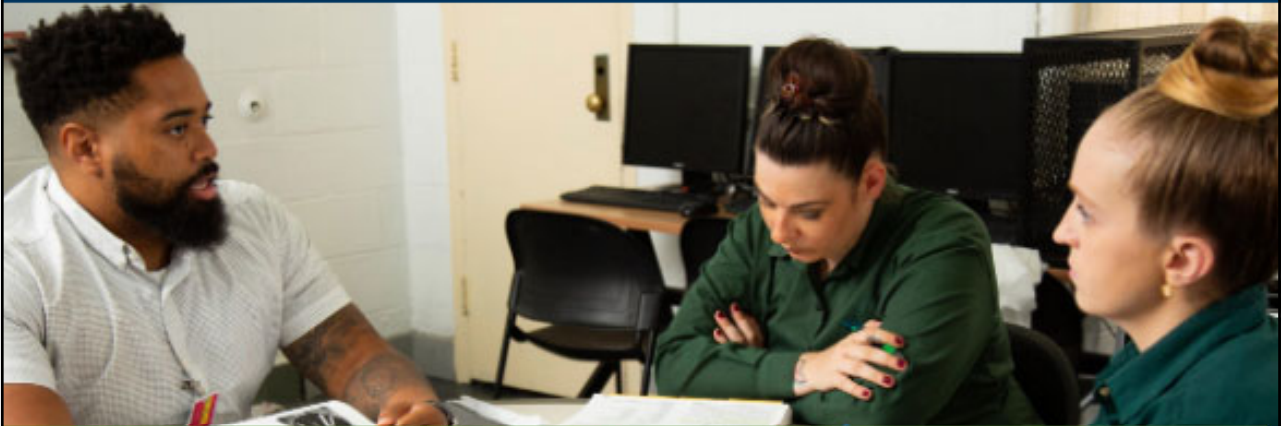
## 2. Practice Exams



Online mini-exams of questions from the CPH item-bank

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### 3. Webinars



- Webinars on each domain
- Lecture and Q&A

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### 4. ASPPH CPH Study Guide



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## 5. Other Study Guides

**APHA**  
AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
*For science. For action. For health.*

**CERTIFIED IN PUBLIC HEALTH EXAM REVIEW GUIDE**  
Program Planning and Evaluation  
Time and Ethics  
Communication  
Collaboration  
eBooks  
Walter D. Cohen, PhD  
Janine A. Conroy, PhD  
Associate Editor  
Irene M. Wenzelshulman, MPH

**CERTIFICATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH (CPH) Q&A EXAM REVIEW**  
OLADELE A. OGUNSEITAN  
More than 600 Q&As with rationales  
Covers all 10 domain areas featured on the exam  
Written by a CPH certified and training specialist in public health  
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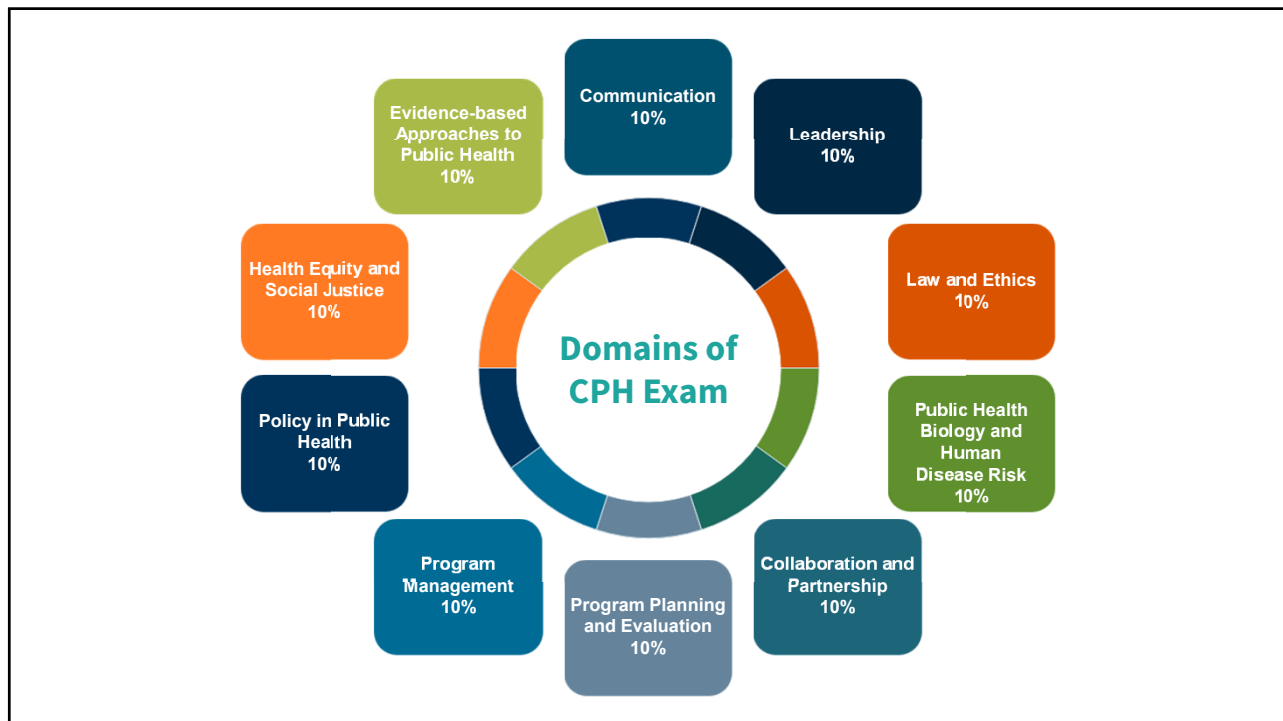
## CPH Exam

**The CPH exam is a 4-hour exam with 200 questions**  
**All questions are multiple choice and single-best answer**

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<b>Computer-Based Testing Centers</b>	<b>Live-Online Proctor</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
<b>1400 Testing Centers (Monday-Saturday)</b>	<b>24 hours/day 365 days/year</b>	<b>Instant scoring!</b>

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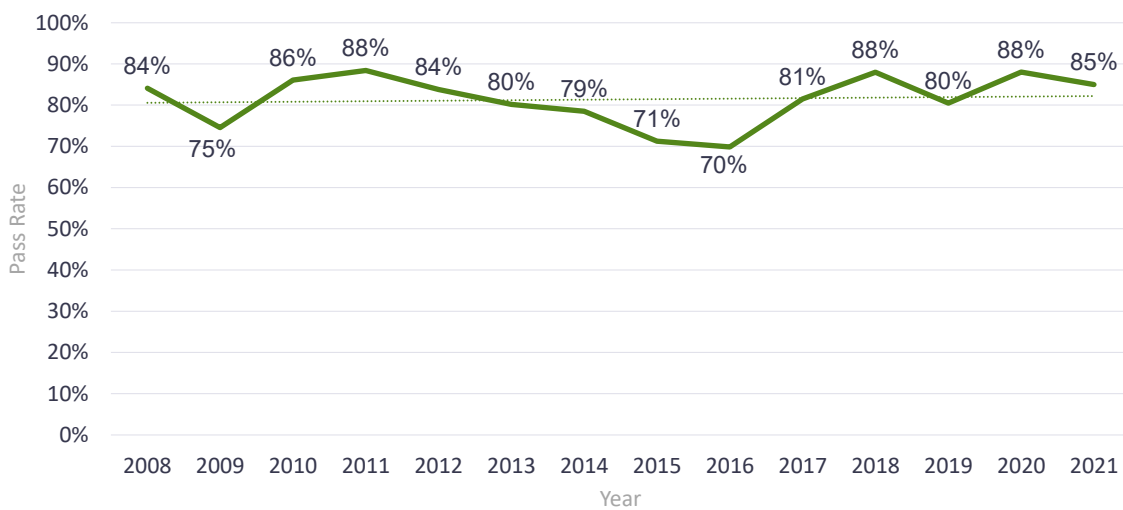
## Passing Score



Passing is based on overall scores, not each domain

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## CPH Pass Rate (2008-2021)



Source: CPH Examinee Data

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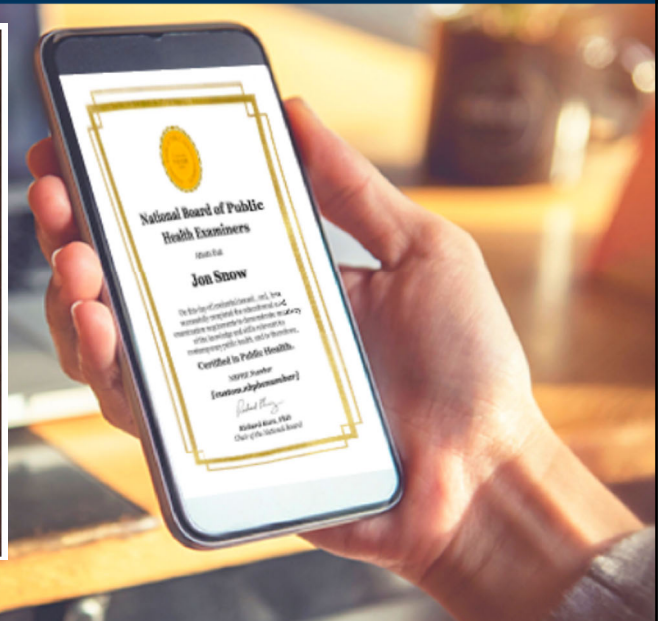
## Exam results COA members

- All candidates: 85% pass rate
- COA members: 96% pass rate



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## CPH Hardcopy and Digital Certificates



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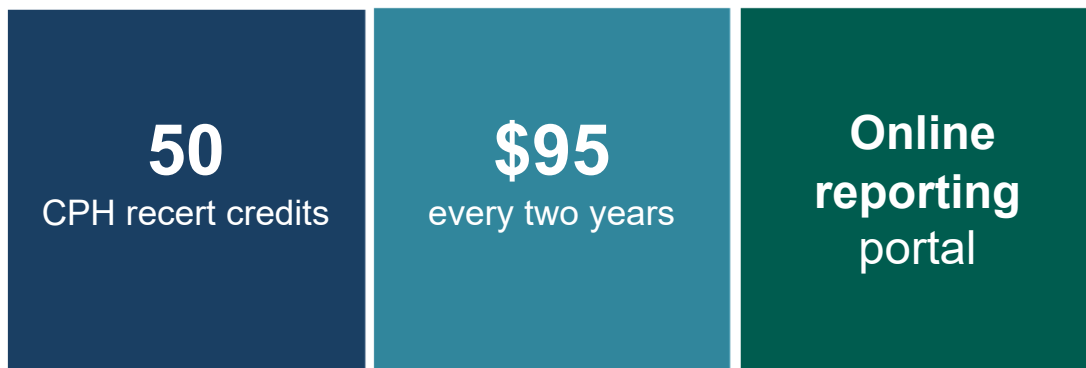
## Retaking the Exam



- No limit on how often candidates can retest
- \$150 for each attempt

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## Bi-Annual Recertification Process (CEs)



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## Recertification Activities Include:

Webinars and Workshops

Conferences and Professional Events

Instruction and Professional Contributions

Volunteer and Leadership Service

CPH Item-Writer/PHAB or CEPH Accreditation Visits

Publishing journal articles

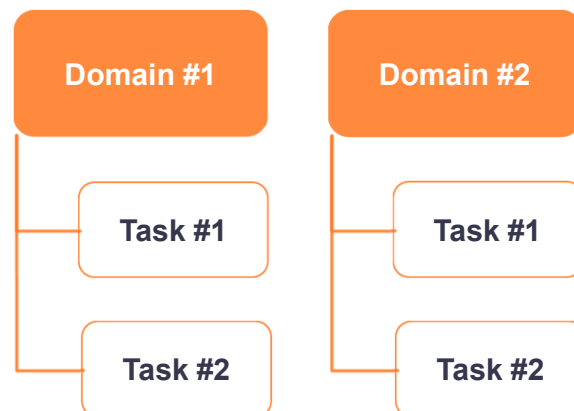
Work in Direct Response to COVID-19

No pre-approved provider process

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## What is a Job Task Analysis?

Survey to define performance domains and tasks performed by a professional group, and the necessary knowledge and skills associated with these tasks.



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