

GEORGIA STATE BOARD FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER

Requirements for Examination/Certificate

Requirements: In order to be certified in a particular class or category, an applicant must meet requirements as set forth below.

(a) Current Certification. Applicants must hold the following certificates before taking an examination for the next level of certification:

<u>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>CURRENT CERTIFICATE</u>
Public Water Supply System Operator	
Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	I
Class I	II
Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator	I
Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	I
Class I	II
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	I
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	None
Water Distribution System Operator	None
Wastewater Collection System Operator	None

(b) Experience.

1. Applicants must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to taking an examination. The amount of experience that is required is dependent upon the applicant's education, as follows:

<u>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>
	With H.S. Diploma or GED Certificate	With Accredited B.S. Degree or higher in Biology, Chemistry Engineering, or an equivalent degree, or a current Class I certificate in another category
Public Water Supply System Operator		
Class IV	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months
Class II	2 years	1 year
Class I	3 years	2 years
Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator		
Class IV	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months
Class II	2 years	1 year
Class I	3 years	2 years
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	3 months	3 months
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	3 months	3 months
Water Distribution System Operator	3 months	3 months
Wastewater Collection System Operator	3 months	3 months

2. For those applicants who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, the Board may consider other factors, including post secondary education and other training and experience, to determine satisfaction of the experience requirements.

(c) Education. Every applicant must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate prior to taking the examination and must provide proof of education when he/she submits his/her application for certificate to the Board. Provided however, no person being certified as a class IV operator prior to July 1, 2000, shall be required to possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(d) Course Work. Applicants must have completed the required course work prior to taking the examination and provide proof of completion of course work when they submit their application for certificate to the Board. The Board may evaluate, on a case by case basis, post secondary education to determine satisfaction of the course work requirements.

CERTIFICATE APPLIED FORCOURSE WORK

Public Water Supply System Operator

Class	IV	6 hours basic water operator course work
Class	III	40 hours basic water operator course work
Class	II	48 hours advanced water operator course work
Class	I	No additional

Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator

Class	IV	6 hours basic waste stabilization pond operator course work
Class	III	40 hours basic wastewater operator course work
Class	II	48 hours advanced wastewater operator course work
Class	I	No additional

Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator

Water	Laboratory	Analyst	27 hours basic water laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or an equivalent degree
Wastewater	Laboratory	Analyst	27 hours basic wastewater laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or an equivalent degree
Water	Distribution	System Operator	27 hours water distribution course work
Wastewater	Collection	System Operator	27 hours wastewater collection course work

(e) Examination. An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certificate.

(f) Re-Examination. No additional coursework, experience or education, beyond that required for initial examination, is required for re-examination. In order to apply for re-examination a completed application for re-examination, together with the examination fee, must be received by the testing agent (AMP) by the deadline date of 45 days prior to the examination.