

Current Rules filed through April 21, 2017 - Rule 750-3-.04. Requirements

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

<b>1. Current Certification.</b> Applicants must hold the following certificates before taking an examination for the next level of certification:	
<b>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</b>	<b>CURRENT CERTIFICATE</b>
<b>Public Water Supply System Operator (Drinking Water)</b>	
Class IV – Water ( groundwater systems serving a population less than 1,000)	None
Class III - Water	None
Class II - Water	Class III
Class I – Water (highest level of certification)	Class II
<b>Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator (Wastewater)</b>	
Class IV - Wastewater	None
Class III - Wastewater	None
Class II - Wastewater	Class III
Class I – Wastewater (highest level of certification)	Class II
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	None
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	None
Water Distribution System Operator	None
Wastewater Collection System Operator	None

<b>2. Experience Requirements</b>			
<b>The amount of experience that is required is dependent upon the applicant's education, as follows:</b>			
<b>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</b>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With H.S. School Diploma or GED Certificate	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited A.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited B.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree, or a current Class I certificate in another category
<b>Public Water Supply System Operator (Drinking Water License)</b>			
Class IV - Water	1 month	1 month	1 month
Class III - Water	3 months	3 months	3 months
Class II - Water	24 months	18 months	12 months
Class I - Water	36 months	30 months	24 months
Water Laboratory Analyst	3 months	3 months	3 months
Water Distribution System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months

<b>Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator (Wastewater License)</b>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With H.S. School Diploma or GED Certificate	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited A.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree	<u>EXPERIENCE</u> With Accredited B.S. Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree, or a current Class I certificate in another category
Class IV - Wastewater	1 month	1 month	1 month
Class III - Wastewater	3 months	3 months	3 months
Class II - Wastewater	24 months	18 months	12 months
Class I - Wastewater	36 months	30 months	24 months
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months
Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	3 months	3 months	3 months
Wastewater Collection System Operator	3 months	3 months	3 months

**3. Applicants for the following licenses may take the exam before the experience requirement is met, but they shall not apply for the license until they have completed the requisite experience in the actual system operation:**

- \* Public Water Supply System Operator Class IV
- \* Public Water Supply System Operator Class III
- \* Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class IV
- \* Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class III
- \* Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator
- \* Water Laboratory Analyst
- \* Wastewater Laboratory Analyst
- \* Water Distribution System Operator
- \* Wastewater Collection System Operator

**4. Applicants for the following licenses must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to taking an examination:**

- \* Public Water Supply System Operator Class II
- \* Public Water Supply System Operator Class I
- \* Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class II
- \* Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class I

**5.** 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.

**6. Applicants must apply for a certification within 12 months of passing an examination.**

**7. 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.

8.	Required Course Work	
CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR	COURSE WORK	
<b>Public Water Supply System Operator (Drinking Water License)</b>		
Class IV - Water	6 hours basic water operator course work ( Class IV Water Course)	
Class III - Water	40 hours basic water operator course work (Class III Water Course)	
Class II - Water	48 hours advanced water operator course work	
Class I - Water	No additional	
<b>Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator (Wastewater License)</b>		
Class IV - Wastewater	6 hours basic waste stabilization pond operator course work (Class IV Wastewater Course)	
Class III - Wastewater	40 hours basic wastewater operator course work ( Class III Wastewater Course)	
Class II - Wastewater	48 hours advanced wastewater operator course work	
Class I - Wastewater	No additional	
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	27 hours industrial wastewater operator course work	
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	

9. **Examination.** An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certificate.  
 All exams are administered through PSI / AMP. Visit [www.goamp.com](http://www.goamp.com) for exam information, dates and locations.

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