

# Alabama - Drinking Water

## Exam Application ADEM Form No. 505



Grade	Minimum Qualifications for Examination	Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination
I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a complete application (ADEM Form No. 505) to the Department along with exam fees.</li> <li>Applicants must be at least 18 years old.*</li> <li>Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade ID water distribution examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twelve months of Working Experience in a Grade ID or higher Water Distribution System.***</li> </ul>
II-D	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade IID water distribution examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least eighteen months of Working Experience in a Grade IID Water Distribution System, including six months as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade IID Water Distribution System. .***</li> </ul>
I-WT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade I water treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twelve months of Working Experience in a Grade I or higher Water Treatment Plant; or have at least twenty-four months of combined experience in a Grade ID or higher Water Distribution System. .***</li> </ul>
II-WT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade II water treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least eighteen months of Working Experience in a Grade II or higher Water Treatment Plant; or have at least twenty-four months of combined experience in a Grade I or higher treatment plant or a Grade ID or higher Water Distribution System. .***</li> </ul>
III-WT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade III water treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twenty-four months of Treatment Experience in a Grade III or higher Water Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade III or higher Water Treatment Plant; or have at least thirty-six months of Combined Working Experience in a Grade II or higher Water Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC ; and .***</li> <li>Be certified as a Grade II Water Treatment Plant Operator, unless the applicant has a bachelor's degree in engineering, engineering technology or applied sciences.</li> </ul>
IV-WT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade IV water treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twenty-four months of Treatment Experience in a Grade IV Water Treatment Plant, or at least thirty-six months of Combined Experience working in a Grade III or Grade IV Water Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade IV Water Treatment Plant. However, all Working Experience must be at a Grade III or Grade IV surface water filtration treatment plant; and .***</li> <li>Be certified as a Grade II or a Grade III Water Treatment Plant Operator, unless the applicant has a bachelor's degree in engineering, engineering technology or applied sciences.</li> </ul>

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\*\*Upon passing the examination, the candidate will have the designation of Operator Intern until requirements for certification are met.

\*\*\*Credit for Working Experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars. Maximum work substitution requirements may be found below for each license:  
I-D, II-D, IW-T maximum of six months / IIW-T maximum of nine months / IIIW-T, IVW-T maximum of twelve months

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II	Same as I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass a Grade II water examination approved by the Department; and</li><li>• Have at least eighteen months working experience in a Grade II or higher water treatment plant, or twenty-four months of combined experience in a Grade I water distribution system or a Grade II, III, or IV water treatment plant.</li><li>• Credit for a maximum of nine months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars.</li></ul>
III	Same as I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass a Grade III water examination approved by the Department; and</li><li>• Have at least twenty-four months treatment experience in a Grade III advanced groundwater treatment plant or thirty-six months of combined working experience in a Grade II, III or IV water treatment plant.</li><li>• Credit for a maximum of twelve months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars.</li></ul>
IV	Same as I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pass a Grade IV water examination approved by the Department; and</li><li>• Have at least twenty-four months treatment experience in a Grade IV water treatment plant.</li><li>• Credit for a maximum of twelve months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars.</li></ul>

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I-C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a complete application (ADEM Form No. 505) to the Department along with exam fees.</li> <li>Applicants must be at least 18 years old.*</li> <li>Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade IC wastewater collection examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twelve months of working experience in a Grade IC or higher public Wastewater Collection System. ***</li> </ul>
II-C	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a IIC wastewater collection examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least eighteen months of Working Experience in a Grade IIC public Wastewater Collection System, including six months as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade IIC Wastewater Collection System.***</li> </ul>
I-WWT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade I wastewater treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twelve months of Working Experience in a Grade I or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant; or have at least twenty-four months of combined experience in a Grade IC or higher Wastewater Collection System.***</li> </ul>
II-WWT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade II wastewater treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least eighteen months Working Experience in a Grade II or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant; or have at least twenty-four months of experience in a Grade I or higher wastewater plant or a Grade IC or higher Wastewater Collection System.***</li> </ul>
III-WWT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade III wastewater treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twenty-four months Treatment Experience in a Grade III or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade III or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant; or have at least thirty-six months of Combined Working experience in a Grade II or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC; and</li> <li>Be certified as a Grade II Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, unless the applicant has a bachelor's degree in engineering, engineering technology or applied sciences.</li> </ul>
IV-WWT	Same as I-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade IV wastewater treatment examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least twenty-four months of Treatment Experience in a Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant, or at least thirty-six months of Combined Experience working in a Grade III or Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant, including one year as an Operator Intern in DRC at a Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant; and</li> <li>Be certified as a Grade II or a Grade III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, unless the applicant has a bachelor's degree in engineering, engineering technology or applied sciences.</li> </ul>

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II	Same as I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass a Grade II wastewater examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>Have at least eighteen months working experience in a Grade II or higher wastewater treatment plant or twenty-four months of combined experience in a Grade I, II, III, or IV wastewater treatment plant.</li> <li>Credit for a maximum of nine months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes, or seminars.</li> </ul>
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