

Hawaii - Water Treatment

Operator Exam Registration

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Grade	Minimum Qualifications for Examination	Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination
Operator in Training	No exam required	Submit appropriate application and fees
1	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	High school diploma or equivalent (GED) 1 year of work experience
2	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of work experience at a Class 2 or higher WTP, as an operator with Hawaii WTPO Grade 1 regular certification —or— b) A high school diploma and 2 years of work experience (including 1 year of work experience at a Class 2 or higher WTP) —or— c) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 1 year of work experience at a Class 2 or higher WTP
3	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3, or Class 4 WTP (including one month of work experience at a Class 3 or 4 plant), as an operator with Hawaii WTPO Grade 2 regular certification —or— b) A high school diploma and 3 years of work experience (including 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP) —or— c) A qualifying associate degree, and 2 years of work experience (including 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP) —or— d) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP (including 1 month of work experience at a Class 3 or 4 WTP)
4	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of full-time work experience at a Class 3 or 4 WTP, as an operator with Hawaii WTPO Grade 3 regular certification b) A high school diploma and 4 years of work experience (including 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP, and 1 year of full-time work experience at a Class 3 or 4 WTP) —or— c) A qualifying associate degree, and 3 years of work experience (including 1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP, and 1 year of full-time work experience at a Class 3 or 4 WTP) —or— d) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 2 years of work experience (1 year of full-time work experience at a membrane filtration, Class 3 or Class 4 WTP and 1 year of full-time work experience at a Class 3 or 4 WTP)

-When the board determines that there is a shortage of operators at the Grade 2, 3, or 4 level, the board may approve issuance of temporary certification for the shortage grade. The temporary certification grade may be one Grade higher than the operator's current grade.

You can find the full list of requirements and education/experience substitutions in the [Hawaii Administrative Code Chapter 11-25](#)

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Operator in Training	No Exam required	No work experience required
1	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	High school diploma 1 year of work experience
2	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of work experience as an operator with Hawaii DSO Grade 1 regular certification b) A high school diploma and 2 years of work experience c) A qualifying associate degree and 2 years of work experience d) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 1 year of work experience
3	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of work experience as an operator with Hawaii DSO Grade 2 regular certification b) A high school diploma and 3 years of work experience c) A qualifying associate degree and 2 years of work experience d) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 1 year of work experience
4	Submit a completed application Submit appropriate exam fees	a) 1 year of work experience as an operator with Hawaii DSO Grade 3 regular certification b) A high school diploma and 4 years of work experience c) A qualifying associate degree, and 3 years of work experience d) A qualifying bachelor's degree and 2 years of work experience

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Hawaii - Wastewater Treatment

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Grade	Minimum Qualifications for Examination	Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination
1	High school diploma 1 year of operator experience	Submit appropriate application and fees
2	High school diploma and 2 full years of operating experience and 6 educational points -or- One and one-half years of operating experience while in possession of a grade I certificate	Submit appropriate application and fees
3	High school diploma An associate degree including fifteen units of basic science from an accredited community college or two years at an accredited college or university including fifteen units of basic science, and two years of operating experience; -or- Graduation from high school or equivalent satisfactory to the board, three years of operating experience and a minimum of sixteen educational points; -or- Two and one-half full years operating experience while in the possession of a grade II certificate.	Submit appropriate application and fees
4	High school diploma A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major related to the wastewater treatment field and one full year operating experience; -or- An associate degree including fifteen units of basic science from an accredited community college or two years at an accredited college or university, including fifteen units of basic science, and four full years of operating experience; -or- Graduation from high school or equivalent satisfactory to the board, five full years operating experience and a minimum of thirty-two educational points; -or- Four full years operating experience while in the possession of a grade III certificate.	Submit appropriate application and fees

-Temporary certificates for operator in training without examination may be issued as the board may deem necessary. A temporary certificate may be issued to a certified operator in a lower grade, or an operator who is not certified but is accumulating experience under the direction of a certified operator in order to qualify for certification by examination

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