

# Rhode Island – Water Treatment

## Exam Application

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| Level     | Minimum Qualifications for Examination  | Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination |
|-----------|---|--|
| <b>T1</b> | High school diploma or equivalent (GED) and 6 months experience at a Class T1 or higher facility  | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>T2</b> | High school diploma or equivalent (GED) and 2 years of experience at a Class T1 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Full T1 Certification and 1 year of experience after certification at a Class T1 facility  | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>T3</b> | High school diploma or equivalent (GED) and 4 years of experience at a Class T2 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Full T2 Certification and 2 years of experience after certification at a Class T2 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Associate's degree* and 2 years of experience at a Class T2 facility; <b>OR</b><br>Bachelor's degree* and 1 year of experience at a Class T2 or higher facility | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>T4</b> | Full T3 Certification with 5 years of continuous employment at a Class T3 or higher facility, and a minimum of 14 semester credits of post high school education in the areas below; <b>OR</b><br>Associate's degree* and 4 years of experience at a class T3 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Bachelor's degree* and 2 years of experience at a class T3 or higher facility                        | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |

\*Associate's or bachelor's degree in the areas of engineering (sanitary, civil, chemical, or environmental), public health, biology, chemistry, or other discipline acceptable to the Board of Certification Operators of Public Water Supply Treatment and Distribution Facilities

Operator-in-training (OIT) certification is available for anyone who meets the education requirements but not the work experience requirement(s)

You can find the full list of education/substitution requirements in the [certification requirements page](#)

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| Level     | Minimum Qualifications for Examination   | Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination |
|-----------|--|--|
| <b>D1</b> | High school diploma/GED and 6 months experience at a Class D1 or higher facility   | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>D2</b> | High school diploma/GED and 2 years of experience at a Class D1 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Full D1 Certification with 1 year of experience after certification at a Class D1 facility  | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>D3</b> | High school diploma/GED and 4 years of experience at a Class D2 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Full D2 Certification with 2 years of experience after certification at a Class D2 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Associate's degree* and 2 years of experience at a Class D2 facility; <b>OR</b><br>Bachelor's degree* and 1 year of experience at a Class D2 or higher facility | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| <b>D4</b> | Full D3 Certification with five years of continuous employment at a Class D3 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Associate's degree* and four years of experience at a class D3 or higher facility; <b>OR</b><br>Bachelor's degree* and two years of experience at a class D3 or higher facility  | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |

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| Level | Minimum Qualifications for Examination  | Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination |
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| 1     | High school diploma or equivalent (GED)<br>1 year operator experience   | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| 2     | High school diploma or equivalent (GED)<br>1 year operator experience   | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| 3     | High school graduate (or GED holder) and 5 years of employment as an operator with 3 years as the direct responsible charge*; <b>or</b><br>2-year college technical or environmental curriculum and 4 years experience as an operator, 2 years as the direct responsible charge; <b>or</b><br>Bachelors or higher degree in science or engineering and 2 years experience, both of which are in direct responsible charge.          | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |
| 4     | For Grade 4, a high school graduate (or GED holder) and 6 years of employment as an operator, 3 years as the direct responsible charge; <b>or</b><br>2-year college technical or environmental curriculum needs 5 years experience as an operator, 3 years as the direct responsible charge; <b>or</b><br>Bachelors or higher degree in science or engineering and 3 years experience, all of which is in direct responsible charge | Submit appropriate certification application and fees              |

\*Direct Responsible Charge (or "DRC") is the authority of a position that supervises two or more operators FULL TIME during a shift

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You can find the full list of education/substitution requirements in the [Rules and Regulations Document](#)