

Virginia – Waterworks Operators

Exam Application



Class	Minimum Qualifications for Examination	Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination
6	1: High school diploma or GED and six months of applicable operator experience; or 2: No high school diploma or GED and one year of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
5	1: High school diploma or GED and six months of applicable operator experience; or 2: No high school diploma or GED and one year of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
4	1: High school diploma or GED and six months of applicable operator experience; or 2: No high school diploma or GED and one year of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
3	1: Bachelor's or master's degree and six months of applicable operator experience; or 2: Associate's degree and nine months of applicable operator experience; or 3: High school diploma or GED and one year of applicable operator experience; or 4: Current class 4 license and no high school diploma or GED and three years of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
2	1: Bachelor's or master's degree and one year of applicable operator experience; or 2: Associate's degree and 18 months of applicable operator experience; or 3: High school diploma or GED and two years of applicable operator experience 4: Current class 3 license and no high school diploma or GED and five years of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
1	1: Current class 2 license and Bachelor's or master's degree and two years of applicable operator experience; or 2: Current class 2 license and Associate's degree and three years of applicable operator experience; or 3: Current class 2 license and High school diploma or GED and four years of applicable operator experience; or 4: Current class 2 license and No high school diploma or GED and nine years of applicable operator experience; or	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification

- Experience gained in either waterworks or wastewater works operations may be substituted for up to one-half of the required experience in the alternate category so long as the experience was gained in an equivalent or higher class of facility.
- Education may substitute for part of the required experience in the category of license applied for at a rate of one month of experience credit for each semester hour of college credit. Coursework must be relevant to the category and classification of the license being sought. The college credit must be from an accredited college or university that is approved or accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a regional or national accreditation association, or by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- Board-approved waterworks or wastewater works operator training courses may be utilized for experience at a rate of one month experience for each training credit approved by the board.
- Substitutions shall not exceed 50% of the total experience required for licensure.

You can find the full list of requirements and education/experience substitutions in the [Chapter 30. Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations](#)

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3	1: Bachelor's or master's degree and six months of applicable operator experience; or 2: Associate's degree and nine months of applicable operator experience; or 3: High school diploma or GED and one year of applicable operator experience; or 4: Current class 4 license and no high school diploma or GED and three years of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
2	1: Bachelor's or master's degree and one year of applicable operator experience; or 2: Associate's degree and 18 months of applicable operator experience; or 3: High school diploma or GED and two years of applicable operator experience 4: Current class 3 license and no high school diploma or GED and five years of applicable operator experience	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification
1	1: Current class 2 license and Bachelor's or master's degree and two years of applicable operator experience; or 2: Current class 2 license and Associate's degree and three years of applicable operator experience; or 3: Current class 2 license and High school diploma or GED and four years of applicable operator experience; or 4: Current class 2 license and No high school diploma or GED and nine years of applicable operator experience; or	Submit appropriate documentation for full certification

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