

Alabama - Drinking Water



[Exam Application ADEM Form No. 505](#)

[Experience Verification ADEM Form No. 506](#)

Grade	Minimum Qualifications for Examination	Minimum Qualifications for Certification After Passing Examination
I (I-D)	- Submit a complete application (ADEM Form No. 505) to the Department along with exam fees. - Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).*	- Pass a Grade I (I-D) water examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you have at least twelve months working experience in a Grade I or higher water system. - Credit for a maximum of six months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars
II	Same as I	- Pass a Grade II water examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you 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. - 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.
III	Same as I	- Pass a Grade III water examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you 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. - 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.
IV	Same as I	- Pass a Grade IV water examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you have at least twenty-four months treatment experience in a Grade IV water treatment plant. - 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.

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Alabama - Wastewater



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I (IC)	- Submit a complete application (ADEM Form No. 505) to the Department along with exam fees. - Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).*	- Pass a Grade I (IC) wastewater examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you have at least twelve months working experience in a Grade I or higher wastewater treatment plant or Grade I (C) public wastewater collection system. - Credit for a maximum of six months of working experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes, or seminars;
II	Same as I	- Pass a Grade II wastewater examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you 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. - 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.
III	Same as I	- Pass a Grade III wastewater examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you have at least twenty-four months working experience in a Grade III or higher wastewater treatment plant or thirty-six months of combined working experience in a Grade II, III or IV wastewater treatment plant. - Credit for a maximum of twelve months of treatment experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars.
IV	Same as I	- Pass a Grade IV wastewater examination approved by the Department; and - Submit ADEM Form no. 506 showing you have at least twenty-four months working experience in a Grade IV wastewater treatment plant or thirty-six months of combined working experience in a Grade III or IV wastewater treatment plant. - Credit for a maximum of twelve months of treatment experience may be allowed by the Department for the completion of, or attendance at, Department approved training programs, classes or seminars.

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