

OTCO 52nd Annual Wastewater Workshop

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What's New in Operator Certification?

- Reorganization
 - Operations and Certification has been separated from Engineering and Loans
 - Focus on emergency response and preparedness
- 3 ES 2s operations (Dave Riley, Susan Wyatt, new staff member)
- 2 ES 2s and 1 administrative assistant (Susan Parkins, Jessica Dingman, Deidra Davis)



What's New in Operator Certification?

- **Rule Making**

- 3745-02
 - Owner and operator of record responsible for notification
 - 02 exemptions allowing a Class A (effective 10/30/14)
- 3745-01 and 03 (Interested party review)
 - 01 Public water system definition
 - 03 addition of Legionella, Clarification of Satellite System requirements, classification chart organization.
- **Full rule review due in 2016**
 - Focus on the renewal and contact hour portions of rule
 - Implementation schedule for online documentation
 - Requirements for course approval and attendance to be uploaded.
- DSW looking to add provisions for very small systems. (Similar to ODH)



What's New in Operator Certification?

- **3rd party exam provider in place!**
- **Eapps is here!**



Contingency Planning

- *What plans do you have?*

Renewal Applications

- 700 have not renewed their certificate from 2014
 - Cannot act as an ORC
 - \$20 late fee
 - 12/31/15 complete app due



Approved Exam Provider

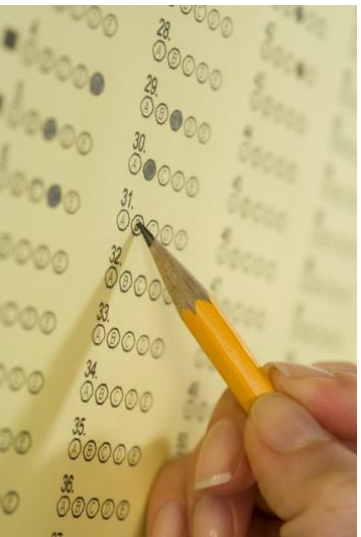
- Association of Boards of Certification (ABC)

5 locations

3 hour test

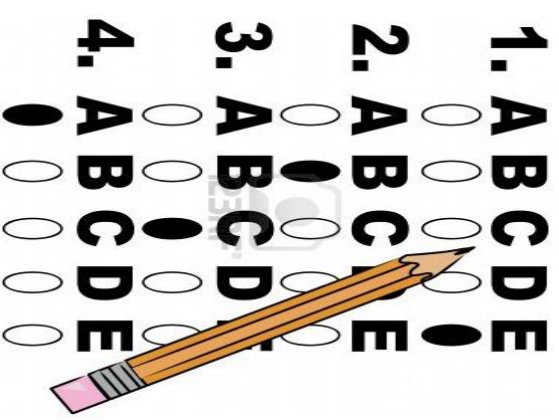
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Immediate results



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

- 1. Professional Operator Path
 - ABC Application review
 - Sequential examinations
 - Code of Conduct
 - www.ProfessionalOperator.org



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

- 2. Ohio EPA Testing Service
 - Application (attestation)
 - Immediate registration



Two Pathways for Certification Using ABC Testing

- **Professional Operator Advantages** –
 - Separate ABC Certificate issued
 - Professional Operator Designation
 - Reciprocity with a number of States
 - Discounted retake fees
 - 30 day retake waiting period
 - Ohio EPA Certification



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

- PO Designation for Increased Recognition



Exam Equivalencies

ABC Examination			Ohio Examination Equivalent	
Water Distribution	3	=	Water Distribution	2
Water Distribution	1	=	Water Distribution	1
Water Supply	4	=	Water Supply	3
Water Supply	3	=	Water Supply	2
Water Supply	1	=	Water Supply	1
Very Small Water System	VSWS	=	Water Supply	A
Wastewater Collection	4	=	Wastewater Collection	2
Wastewater Collection	2	=	Wastewater Collection	1
Wastewater Treatment	4	=	Wastewater Treatment	3
Wastewater Treatment	3	=	Wastewater Treatment	2
Wastewater Treatment	2	=	Wastewater Treatment	1
Small Wastewater Treatment Exam	A	=	Wastewater Treatment	A



Two Pathways for Certification Using ABC Testing

- **Ohio EPA Testing Service Advantages**
 - EPA equivalent exam
 - 30 day retake waiting period



Approved Exam Provider Fees

- **Professional Operator**
 - Exam fee \$145 (eliminated for retakes of same)
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$209
- **Ohio EPA Testing Service**
 - Exam Fee \$46 (paid every time)
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$110



Approved Examination Providers

Ohio EPA is pleased to announce alternative water and wastewater operator certification examinations, which are available more frequently and in more locations than Ohio EPA's traditional paper and pencil testing. The State of Ohio has approved the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) as an approved examination provider. Operators may now choose to take an ABC examination and then seek State of Ohio certification for all levels of certification except Class IV. ABC examinations will be offered in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. Ohio EPA will continue to offer paper and pencil examinations in Columbus in the spring and fall of each year.

Applications for the traditional paper and pencil testing are available above. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the operator certification unit at 1-866-411-OPCT (6728) or by email. To find out more about the ABC certification program, please visit [ABC's Ohio Certification website](#).

- [Schedule an examination through ABC](#)
- [Application for certification through an approved exam provider](#) - To be completed by an operator who has passed an exam given by an approved examination provider (e.g., ABC)





Ohio EPA Certification

- Ohio EPA Certification
- Certification Process
- Formula/Conversion Tables
- Study Guides
- Sample Exam Questions
- Need-to-Know Criteria

Certification Process



How to Become an Ohio EPA Certified Operator

ABC is an approved exam provider for Ohio EPA. As an approved exam provider, ABC offers computerized operator certification exams five-six days per a week at approximately 200 assessment center locations across the United States. Ohio EPA operator certification exams available through this program include:

- Water Supply, Classes A, I, II, and III
- Water Distribution, Classes I and II
- Wastewater Treatment, Classes A, I, II, and III
- Wastewater Collection, Classes I and II

Steps to obtain your Ohio EPA certification through this program are as follow:

1. Review the eligibility criteria below to determine whether you may sit for the exam. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, contact Ohio EPA at opcert@epa.state.oh.us or 1-866-411-OPCT (6728).

Eligibility Requirements

Classification	Education	Operating Experience
A	High school diploma or equivalent	1040 hours*
I	High school diploma or equivalent	12 months
II	High school diploma or equivalent	36 months*
III	High school diploma or	60 months, including 12 months



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I	High school diploma or equivalent	12 months
II	High school diploma or equivalent	36 months*
III	High school diploma or equivalent	60 months, including 12 months as a Class II operator*

*Reductions available for education and course completion.
Contact Ohio EPA at opcert@ena.state.oh.us or 1-866-411-OPCT (6728) for details.

- If you meet the eligibility criteria, go to [AMP's website](#) to start registering for your examination.
 - Select the category: [Water/Wastewater](#).
 - Select the program: [Ohio EPA](#).
 - Select the appropriate examination.
- During your registration for the examination, you will be required to attest to your eligibility and intent to apply for Ohio EPA certification.
- Once you have passed your exam, submit your examination results, [Ohio EPA application for certification](#), and applicable fees to Ohio EPA.

Application and Fees

Certification Fees	
ABC Approved Exam Provider Examination Fee	\$110.00 USD
Ohio EPA Application for Certification through an Approved Exam Provider	See Ohio EPA Website for current pricing





Candidate News



Click Here For Candidate News

Candidate Support Center

Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM Central Time
Friday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Central Time
Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time

Contact

913.895.4600
Fax: 913.895.4650
[Contact AMP](#)

Everything you need is three steps away.

Let us help you locate detailed information about your examination program! To find a candidate handbook, testing locations, fees and scheduling information, make a selection in each category below.

- 1 Water/Wastewater
- 2 Ohio EPA
- 3 Select an examination

Already have an account with us? [Login here](#)



How does an operator get Ohio EPA certified?

- Application to Ohio EPA
 - \$45 Fee
 - Documentation of experience
- Certificate Issuance
- OITs should wait until they meet experience requirements.
- Paper and pencil tests will still be offered 2 times per year at the Ohio Expo Center



2015 Exam Dates

Wastewater Examinations	Water Examinations
Examination Date: May 5, 2015	Examination Date: May 6, 2015
Examination Date: November 4, 2015 Application Deadline: August 6, 2015	Examination Date: November 5, 2015 Application Deadline: August 7, 2015



Eapplication and Epayment

- E-application
 - Ebiz center
 - Exam applications
 - Renewal applications
 - Contact hour applications
- Epayment



Operator Certification Web page

Certified water and wastewater operators are essential for the protection of public health and the environment. Ohio EPA's Operator Certification program has certified more than 12,000 operators, ensuring public water and wastewater systems are operated by properly trained and qualified individuals. [Learn how to become a certified water or wastewater operator.](#)

Exam Info	eBiz	Contact Hours and Renewals	Exam Results	Contacts	Operator Certification Advisory Council	Operator Lists	Resources, Forms, and Job Analyses
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Operator Certification e-Business Center

Welcome to the Ohio EPA Operator Certification Unit e-Biz page. Operators will now be able to access their Operator profile, update contact information, view completed courses, submit a variety of applications, and even pay program fees electronically. Training Providers will be able to update program contact information, apply for courses, upload course schedules, and upload course attendance information for operators. Online access to our more popular applications, payments, and features should streamline the paperwork process and provide the most information in the least amount of time to Ohio's Operators and Training Providers. Visit the [e-Business Center](#) and use the following links to get started.

- [How do I get an e-Biz account?](#)
- [How do I request a PIN?](#)
- [How do I request a service?](#)
 - [Operator Service](#)
 - [Training Provider Service](#)
 - [Exam Provider Service](#)





eBusiness Center

Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center is a secure portal for the regulated community and consultants to electronically complete and file Ohio EPA-related reports and permit applications.


Don't have an account? Click the link below to create a new account.

[Create New Account...](#)

Do you need assistance or have questions about Ohio EPA eBusiness Center?

[Click here for online help...](#)

System Support
Phone: (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ)
Hours of live support: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM weekdays, except State holidays.

 Welcome to Ohio EPA eBusiness Center

User ID:

Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)



Eapps

Create New User Account



Enter new user account information below. If you need assistance please contact us at (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ).

* = required field.

User Information

* User ID: Johnny Football

(The user ID is case-sensitive)

* First Name: Johnny

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Football

Company Name: Cleveland Browns

* Job Title: Target

X



Eapps

New Account Successfully Created



Welcome to the eBusiness Center...

The creation of the following account was successful:

User ID: JohnnyFootball
Johnny Football
1111 Browns way
Cleveland OH, 11111 -1111

An e-mail notification has been sent to *andrew.barrienbrock@epa.ohio.gov*.

Limited Privileges

This account has been created with limited privileges. If you wish to submit an application or report you will need to request a PIN. The PIN is a number only you know and is proof of your identity.

Getting Help

If you need help at any time please feel free to contact us at (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ) or get help online at our AnswerPlace by clicking [here](#).

Thanks for using Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center!

[Click here to login to the eBusiness Center...](#)



Eapps

- If you do not already have a PIN you will have to request a PIN.
- To get a pin - Complete and print the PIN request/Subscriber Agreement form. Form must be notarized.
- Send to form to Ohio EPA
- Receive PIN from Ohio EPA and Activate





eBusiness Center

[eBusiness Home](#) [My Account](#)

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Welcome to the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center



Available Services (What is this?)

Service	Action	Status	Facilities	Delegations
Air Services	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
Conference and Events Registration	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
e-DMR	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Disposal Fees (Pay Existing Invoice)	Request	Inactive		
DMWMA Facility Registration	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Transporter Registration	Request	Inactive		
DSW Creditable Data	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
e-Drinking Water Reports	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Disposal Fees (Submit Reports)	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Compliance	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Facility Licensing	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWMA Infectious Waste Generator Registration	Request	Inactive		
DSW 401 Certification/Wetlands Permit Service	Request	Inactive		
Hazardous Waste Report (eDRUMS)	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
Pay Ohio EPA Fees Online	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
OEEF Grant Service	Request	Inactive		
Water/Wastewater Exam Providers: Apply for Approval and Upload Scores	Request	Inactive		
Water/Wastewater Operators: Apply for Exams, Renewal and Contact Hours	Request	Inactive		
Water/Wastewater Training Providers: Apply for Contact Hours and Upload Attendance	Request	Deactivate		
	Request	Active		
	Request	Inactive		

My Tasks (11)

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eBusiness Home

My Account

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Certified Operator Service

Certified Operator Service Management

This screen can be used to edit your contact information, apply for new exams or certifications, renewal certificates and apply contact hours to your certificate.

Timothy A Perry
2059 CR 260
CLYDE OH, 43410

Edit

Exam Applications

Apply for New Exam

Type	Certification Type	Class	Status	Exam Date	Action
Ohio EPA (237903)	Water Supply	2	DENIED	05/07/2014	

Current Certificates

Certificate Number	Type/Class	Issued	Renewal	Expires	Status	Action
WD2-1045106-03	Water Distribution 2	01/30/2003	12/31/2013	12/31/2013	(renewal pending)	
WC2-1045106-05	Wastewater Collection 2	06/10/2005	12/31/2013	12/31/2013	(renewal pending)	

Contact Hours

Apply for Contact Hours

Course Approval No.	Course Name	Approval Type	Training Provider	Date	Subject	Hours	Hours Available	Hours Applied	Status	Action
OEPa-D2648-0M	Ebusiness for Operator	Drinking Water	Divas R US	02/14/2014	OM	4.0	0.0	4.0	APPROVED	
OEPa-82552-X	ebusiness is for the birds!	Both	City of Urbana	01/27/2014	OTHER	4.0	0.0	4.0	APPROVED	
OEPa-D2428-0M	Water Course 1	Drinking Water	TP Tab	01/02/2014	OM	20.0	20.0	0.0	APPROVED	
OEPa-S2430-0M	Waterwater 1	Wastewater	TP Tab	02/13/2014	OM	20.0	16.0	4.0	APPROVED	
OEPa-D2557-X	water supply training	Drinking Water	Montana State	01/01/2014	OTHER	20.0	0.0	20.0	APPROVED	

Cancel





http://epatestapps.epa.state.oh.us/portal/servi

Ohio EPA - eBusiness Center



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Applicant Information

Please enter the appropriate applicant information in the spaces below. To edit your personal information, please return to the Certified Operator Service menu. Please keep this information current.

Core Person ID: 1045106
 Applicant Name: Timothy A Perry
 User ID: TABerry
 SSN Last 4: 1728
 EBiz Account Name: TABerry
 Email Address: jessica.dingman@epa.ohio.gov

Address: 2059 CR 260
 CLYDE OH, 43410
 Address County: Franklin
 Country: USA
 Home/Cell Phone: (419) 855-5303
 Business Phone: (419) 547-8090

* Type Of Application: Applying For Ohio Exam

Applicant Background

- * Have you ever been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a criminal charge of falsification, fraud or terrorism?: [select] v
- * Have you ever had any Ohio operator certificates revoked or do you have a certificate under suspension?: [select] v
- * Have you had a certificate revoked or currently suspended in any other state?: [select] v

Application Information

* Certificate Type: Water Supply v

* Class: 2 v

Exam

Please select the appropriate date/time/location for the exam which you are applying.

Date	Time	Location	Type	Action
11/06/2014 (2472)	9:00:00 AM	FAIR GROUNDS	WATER_SUPPLY	<input type="radio"/>
07/19/2014 (2618)	11:50	Ohio Expo Center	WATER_SUPPLY	<input type="radio"/>

Current Ohio Certifications

Certificate No.	Type	Class	Issued	Expires	Status
WD2-1045106-03	Water Distribution	2	01/30/2003	12/31/2013	EXPIRED
WC2-1045106-05	Wastewater Collection	2	06/10/2005	12/31/2013	EXPIRED

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Certificate No.	Type	Class	Issued	Expires	Status
WD2-1045106-03	Water Distribution	2	01/30/2003	12/31/2013	EXPIRED
WC2-1045106-05	Wastewater Collection	2	06/10/2005	12/31/2013	EXPIRED

Current Supervisor

Please enter the appropriate information in the space below. Check the "No Current Supervisor" box if you are not currently employed. If your current supervisor is not a certified operator, please leave the Certification Number box blank.

No Current Supervisor:

* Name:

* Mailing Address:

Certification Number:

* Mailing City:

* Job Title:

* Mailing State: OH ▾

* Work Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

* Mailing Zip:

* Country: USA ▾

Experience

Please list employment information, with your duties in detail. Please document only the work that applies to the examination for which you are applying. Wastewater experience includes treatment and collection. Water experience includes treatment and distribution and MUST be obtained at a Public Water Facility. Failure to thoroughly describe water or wastewater duties may be reason for disapproval. Please list changes in employment (i.e., job title, percentage of time, work duties, etc.) as separate employment events to ensure a more accurate evaluation of your employment and experience. If you are a full time employee, record time in months. If you are a part-time, seasonal or temporary employee, record time in hours.

Employer	Mailing Address	Start Date	End Date	Job Title	Percent DW	Percent WW	Action
+ add new experience							

Training

Please complete this section if you wish to use applicable course work to reduce the amount of operating experience necessary for Class II and III examinations.

Course Name	Course Date	Provider	Documentation	Action
+ add new training				

Education

Please document information regarding your education in the space below. If you have attended college please enter the information below. In order to substitute college education for a portion of the experience requirement you must document a declared major in a physical or natural science; chemical, civil or environmental engineering; or a technical degree in water or wastewater treatment.

* Do you have a high school diploma? [select] ▾



Toll Free Hotline

1-866-411-OPCT (6728)

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/opcert.aspx>

