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OTCO's Industry Recognized Credential



Curtis L. Truss Jr, OTCO Executive Director

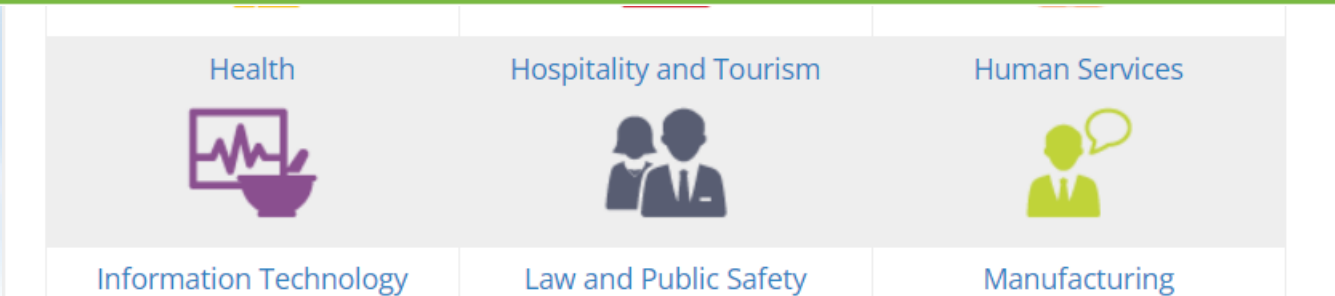
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New Credentials & Changes for 2023-2024

Ohio EPA Professional Class A Wastewater Operator OIT (Operator In Training)	12	CP24
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Ohio EPA Professional Class I Wastewater Operator OIT (Operator In Training)	12	CP26
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Dictionary

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cre·den·tial

noun

plural noun: **credentials**

a qualification, achievement, personal quality, or aspect of a person's background, typically when used to indicate that they are suitable for something.
"recruitment is based mainly on academic credentials"



OTCO TRAININGS

WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS

OTCO has been providing in-person training since 1947. We will have some in-person trainings and now using the internet we can offer the same excellent in-person trainings in the comfort and convenience of your home or office as a "webinar" and still earn contact hours.

NOTE: Join the interactive webinar from your home or office computer.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

BACKFLOW TRAINING

If you are looking to take one of our Backflow Prevention Webinars due to COVID-19 or if you want information on your Backflow Refresher Course options available click below.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all OTCO in-person Regional Trainings have been either changed to a webinar training or postponed until further notice. Please visit the webinars section to see what we are offering.

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CLASSROOM COURSES

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CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Correspondences courses are to allow individuals who chose not to attend classroom course, the opportunity to complete the related coursework.

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DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

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2023 CLASSROOM COURSES (VIRTUAL OR FACE-TO-FACE*)

CLASSROOM COURSES START THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Updated: 2/2/2023 - Click the course below to see when the class will start

2023 WINTER WATER CLASSROOM COURSES (*CLICK LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER*):

[BASIC WATER](#) - [ADVANCE WATER](#) - [WATER DISTRIBUTION](#)

2023 WINTER WASTEWATER CLASSROOM COURSES (*CLICK LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER*):

[BASIC WASTEWATER](#) - [ADVANCE WASTEWATER](#) - [WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS](#)

**NOTE: Face-to-face based on instructor availability.*

OHIO EPA PAPER AND PENCIL EXAM DEADLINE NOTICE

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the information for the paper and pencil exam application

WINTER

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East Palestine train derailment information — epa.ohio.gov/east-palestine.

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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.](#)



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Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
August 2020

How to Become a Certified Water or Wastewater Operator

Serve your community by helping to ensure people receive safe drinking water and wastewater is discharged in an environmentally safe manner.

Eligibility

To become a certified Class A, I, II, III or IV Water Supply, Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment or Wastewater Collection operator in the State of Ohio, you must apply for and pass the state operator certification exam and document the appropriate level of hands on work experience.

To apply for the exam, you must have a high school diploma or the equivalent, and the amount of operating experience identified in the table to the right. If you do not have the operating experience required to become certified at the Class A, Class I or II level, you may still be approved to take the exam.

If you pass the exam, you will be designated as an "operator in training" (OIT) and allowed up to 48 months to fulfill the operating experience requirement. OIT status is not available for Class III or IV certification.

Application and Fees

There are two methods for taking exams for water and wastewater certification.

Ohio EPA Exams

EPA holds Ohio EPA holds Class A, I, II, and III exams twice a year, in May and November at the Ohio Expositions Center. Applications must be saved and/or submitted through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center by the application deadline which is ninety (90) days prior to the date of the exam. There is an examination fee of \$80 for Class A, \$105 for Class I, \$120 for Class II, \$130 for Class III and \$145 for Class IV. Applications for the traditional paper and pencil testing are available on [Ohio EPA's Operator Certification Web site](#).

Third Party Exams

Ohio EPA is pleased to offer 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. To find out more about the ABC certification program, please visit [ABC's Ohio Certification website](#).

Classification	Operating Experience
A*	1040 hours
I	12 months
II*	36 months
III*	60 months, including 12 months as a Class II operator
IV**	36 months as a Class III, 24 months management experience at a Class III or IV facility

* Reductions available for education and course completion. Contact Ohio EPA for details.
** More information about the Class IV exam can be found online at epa.ohio.gov/ddgw/opcert.aspx



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Is there an operator shortage?

If so, why is there a shortage?



How Many Public Water Supplies In Ohio?



3,800

4,800

5,800

6,800

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TYPE	VALID	INVALID	WS ONLY
WSA			
WDS1			
WDS2			
WS1			
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TOTAL			

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WSA	287		
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TYPE	VALID	INVALID	WS ONLY
WSA	287		
WDS1	340		
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WDS1	340		
WDS2	659		
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WDS1	340		
WDS2	659		
WS1	1,457		
WS2			
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WS4			
TOTAL			

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TYPE	VALID	INVALID	WS ONLY
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WDS1	340		
WDS2	659		
WS1	1,457		
WS2	639		
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WS4			
TOTAL			

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WS3	1,068		
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TOTAL			

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TYPE	VALID	INVALID	WS ONLY
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WDS1	340		
WDS2	659		
WS1	1,457		
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WS3	1,068		
WS4	154		
TOTAL			

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WDS1	340		
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WS1	1,457		
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WS3	1,068		
WS4	154		
TOTAL	4,750		

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WS2	639	33	
WS3	1,068	58	
WS4	154	7	
TOTAL	4,750	327	

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WDS2	659	57	-----
WS1	1,457	96	1,349
WS2	639	33	606
WS3	1,068	58	1,010
WS4	154	7	147
TOTAL	4,750	327	3,827

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