

Operator Training Committee of Ohio Procrastinators Workshop

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Operator Certification Unit

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What's New in Operator Certification?

- Statute Changes
 - Exam fees combined
 - Creation of fees for 3rd party exam providers
 - Criminal provisions in drinking water rules (ORC 6109)
 - DMA Forms eliminated



What's New in Operator Certification?

- Class I Water Supply Training
- Fill in forms
- **Opcert list serve**
- **Eapps is coming eventually**
- **Approved exam provider coming**



Renewal Applications

- >5000 Applications sent at the end of August.
- Renewal Deadline November 30, 2013.
- Certificates expire December 31, 2013.
- Audits



2014 Exam Dates

Wastewater Examinations	Water Examinations
Examination Date: May 6, 2014 Application Deadline: February 5, 2014	Examination Date: May 7, 2014 Application Deadline: February 6, 2014
Examination Date: November 5, 2014 Application Deadline: August 7, 2014	Examination Date: November 6, 2014 Application Deadline: August 8, 2014



What to Remember

- Fill out all the boxes
- Submit the entire fee
- Get a supervisors signature
 - Provide explanation if not
- Include your duties
- Make sure percentages are consistent.
- Keep Copies



Application and Epayment

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





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Certified Operator Service

Certified Operator Service Management

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Exam Applications **Apply for New Exam**

Type	Class	Status	Exam Date	Action
		EDIT		
		EDIT		
WATER_TREATMENT	I	EDIT		

Current Certificates

Certificate No.	Type	Class	Expires	Status	Action
None					

Contact Hours **Apply for Contact Hours**

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Exam Applications

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Certified Operator - Certification Exam Application

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Applicant Information

The applicant may be either a person or an organization. Please enter the appropriate applicant information in the spaces below.

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SSN Last 4:	City: Columbus
EBiz Account Name:	Address County : Franklin
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Home/Cell Phone: (614) 728-1216	Zip: 44123
Business Phone: (614) 728-1216	Country: USA

* Type Of Application: **Applying For Ohio Exam**

Application Information

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Renewal Screens

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http://epatestapps.epa.state.oh.us/portalAction.li

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WATER_TREATMENT 4 EDIT

WATER_TREATMENT APPROVED 03/13/2013

Current Certificates

Certificate No.	Type	Class	Expires	Status	Action
WS3-1234567-12	WATER_SUPPLY	III	01/08/0013	Expired	Renew
WW3-1125478-10	WASTEWATER_TREATMENT	III	12/31/2012	Expired	Renew
WS1-1234567-12	WATER_TREATMENT	LA	01/16/0013	Expired	Renew

Contact Hours

[Apply for Contact Hours](#)

Course Approval No.	Course	Approval Type	Training Provider	Dates	Subject	Hours	Hours Available	Hours Applied	Status	Action
						0	0.0	0	NEW	Renew
						0	0.0	0	NEW	Renew
						0	0.0	0	NEW	Renew
						0	0.0	0	NEW	Renew
						0	0.0	0	NEW	Renew
OEPA-D1111-	Water on safety	DRINKING WATER	andv	03/10/2013	OM	12.0	12.0	0	APPROVED	

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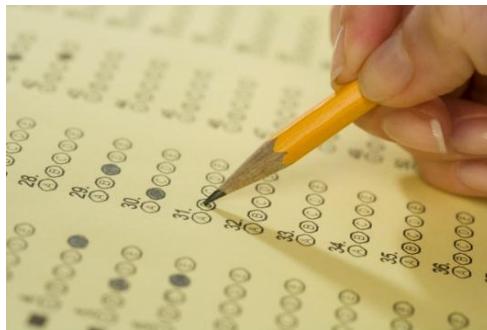
Approved Exam Provider

- Association of Boards of Certification (ABC)

5 locations

3 hour test

100 questions



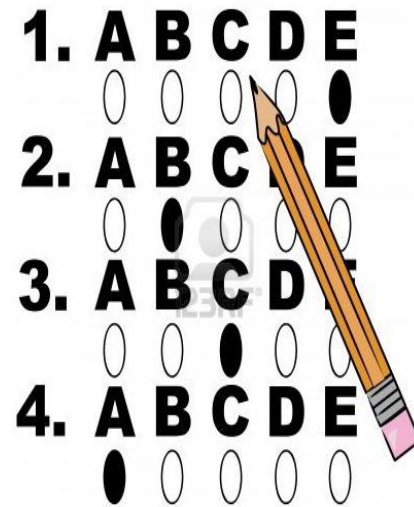
Exam Equivalencies

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

- 1. Certification Commission for Environmental Professionals (C₂EP) Path
 - Application review
 - Sequential examinations
 - Code of Conduct



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

- C₂EP 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

- 2. Ohio EPA Testing Service
 - Application (attestation)
 - Immediate registration
 - Full fees required for a retake



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

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



Approved Exam Provider Fees

- C₂EP
 - Exam fee \$145
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$209
- Ohio EPA Testing Service
 - Exam Fee \$47
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$111



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



Operational Records

- OAC 3745-7-09
 - “Accurate and Authentic”
 - Maintained onsite available for 24 hour inspection
 - At a minimum, the following information shall be recorded:
 - (a) Identification of the public water system, sewerage system, or treatment works;
 - (b) Date and times of arrival and departure for the operator of record and any other operator required by this chapter;



Operational Records

- (c) Specific operation and maintenance activities that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced;
- (d) Results of tests performed and samples taken, unless documented on a laboratory sheet;
- (e) Performance of preventative maintenance and repairs or requests for repair of the equipment that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage or water conveyed, effluent or water produced; and
- (f) Identification of the persons making entries.



Toll Free Hotline

1-866-411-OPCT (6728)

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

