

Summary of Water Operator Certification Requirements from 64CSR04 (2012)

Class R Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- Commissioner approved Class R course
- Form EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on Class R exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 1 CEH using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

1D Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- Commissioner-approved 1D course
- Form EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on 1D exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Operator-in-Training (OIT):

- 18 years old
 - May be waived upon written request to 16 with at least 2.0 GPA & 10th grade complete*
- High school diploma or GED.
 - May be waived upon written request to at least a 2.0 GPA & 10th grade complete OR enrolled in Adult Learning Program actively pursuing GED*
- Form EW-211
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 6 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Water Distribution (WDS) Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- Commissioner-approved WDS course
- 1,000 hours (~6 months full-time) certified experience at a WDS or higher PWS documented
- EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on WDS exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 6 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Class I Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- Commissioner-approved Class I course
- 2,000 hours (~1 year full-time) certified experience at a PWS documented. *Experience from 1D, WDS, or predominantly in maintenance and other non-operational or treatment duties shall not count for more than 600 hours.*
- Form EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on Class I exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 12 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Class II Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- Commissioner-approved Class II course
- 4,000 hours (~2 years full-time) certified experience at a PWS with 2,000 of those at a Class II or higher PWS documented. *Experience from 1D, WDS, or predominantly in maintenance and other non-operational or treatment duties shall not count for more than 600 hours.*
 - *May substitute Class II or higher PWS experience with Commissioner approved course (Sacramento Courses Volumes I&II)*
 - *May substitute maximum of 1 year experience with 45 CEUs upon written request*
- Form EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on Class II exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 24 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Class III Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- 90 CEUs
 - *May substitute maximum 45 CEUs with additional 1 year experience*
- 8,000 hours (~4 years full-time) certified experience at a PWS with 2,000 of those at a Class II or higher PWS documented. *Experience from 1D, WDS, or predominantly in maintenance and other non-operational or treatment duties shall not count for more than 600 hours.*
 - *May substitute maximum of 2 years experience with additional 90 CEUs upon written request*
- Form EW-102 for exam

- 70 or better on Class III exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 24 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Class IV Water Operator:

- 18 years old
- High school diploma or GED
- 70 or better on Class IV exam
- 180 CEUs
 - *May substitute maximum 90 CEUs with additional 2 years experience*
- 10,000 hours (~5 years full-time) certified experience (3.18) at a PWS with 2,000 of those at a Class III or higher PWS documented. *Experience from 1D, WDS, or predominantly in maintenance and other non-operational or treatment duties shall not count for more than 600 hours.*
 - *May substitute maximum 2.5 years experience with additional 135 CEUs upon written request*
- Form EW-102 for exam
- 70 or better on Class IV exam
- Form EW-211 for certification
- Renewal every 2 years with proof of 24 CEHs using form EW-212 30-60 days prior to expiration*

Other Miscellaneous:

- Notify Commissioner 30 days prior to voluntary termination using Form EW-74
- Notify Commissioner & Secretary within 24 hrs of employment status changes
- Submit annual personnel status report by July 15th using form EW-104
- Chief Operator course requirement
- Exam scores expire in 5 years

NOTE: The full, current state rule prevails and is available online at <http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/ruleview.aspx?document=2606>