

Operator Training Committee of Ohio 51nd Annual Wastewater Workshop

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What's New in Operator Certification?

- Rule Making
 - Rule review due 2016
 - DSW looking to add provisions for very small systems. (Similar to ODH)



What's New in Operator Certification?

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



Renewal Applications

- >5000 Applications sent at the end of August
- 837 have not renewed their certificate
 - Cannot act as ORC
 - \$20 late fee
 - 12/31/14 complete app due
- 2014 renewal apps in August



2014 Exam Dates

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



Exam Applications 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



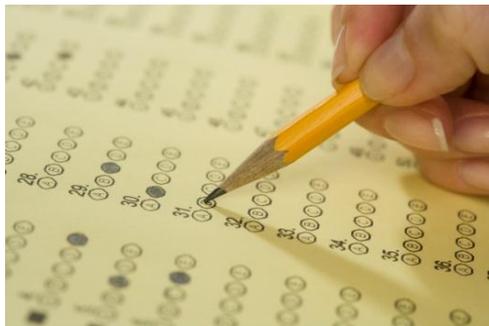
Approved Exam Provider

- Association of Boards of Certification (ABC)

5 locations

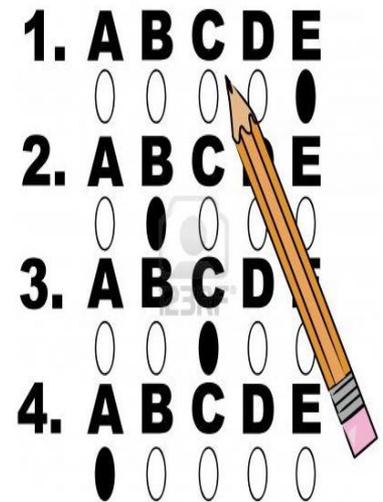
3 hour test

100 questions



Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

- 1. Certification Commission for Environmental Professionals (C₂EP) Path
 - **Not available until August 2014**
 - ABC Application review
 - Sequential examinations
 - Code of Conduct



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 (Available August 2014)
 - Exam fee \$145
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$209
- Ohio EPA Testing Service (Available now)
 - Exam Fee \$47
 - Exam administration fee \$64
 - Total \$111



OH EPA http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/opcert/tabid/5704 Certified Operators

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- 2014 Class I, II, and III Exam Application
 - [PDF](#) or [Word](#) or [Word Fill-in](#)
- Important exam application reminder:**

All currently certified operators must include their supervisor's information and signature in the "Supervisor Information" portion of the exam application. Any applications received without this information will automatically be considered for an operator in training (OIT).

Approved Third Party Exam Providers

- [Application for certification through an approved exam provider](#) - to be completed by operator applicant
- [Application for approval as an "Approved Examination Provider"](#) - to be completed by exam provider applicant

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 a third party examination provider. Beginning January 21, 2014 operators may 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. To schedule an examination or find out more about the ABC certification program, please visit [ABC's Ohio Certification website](#). Ohio EPA will continue to offer paper and pencil examinations in Columbus in the spring and fall of each year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the operator certification unit at 1-866-411-OPCT (6728) or by [email](#).

Class IV Certified Operator Exam Information

- Class IV exam application
 - [PDF](#) or [Word](#) or [Word Fill-in](#) (Class IV only)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Policy statement, guidance and application](#)
 - [Additional guidance on wastewater plant section](#)
- Advisory Council Class IV exam review checklists

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Public Drinking Water Advisories 

 **Public Water System Monitoring Schedules**

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http://www.abccert.org/Ohio_EPA/certification

ABC | Certification Process

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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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2014 updated (Compatibility Mode) Microsoft Edge

http://www.abccert.org/Ohio_EPA/certification, ABC | Certification Process

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

*Reductions available for education and course completion.
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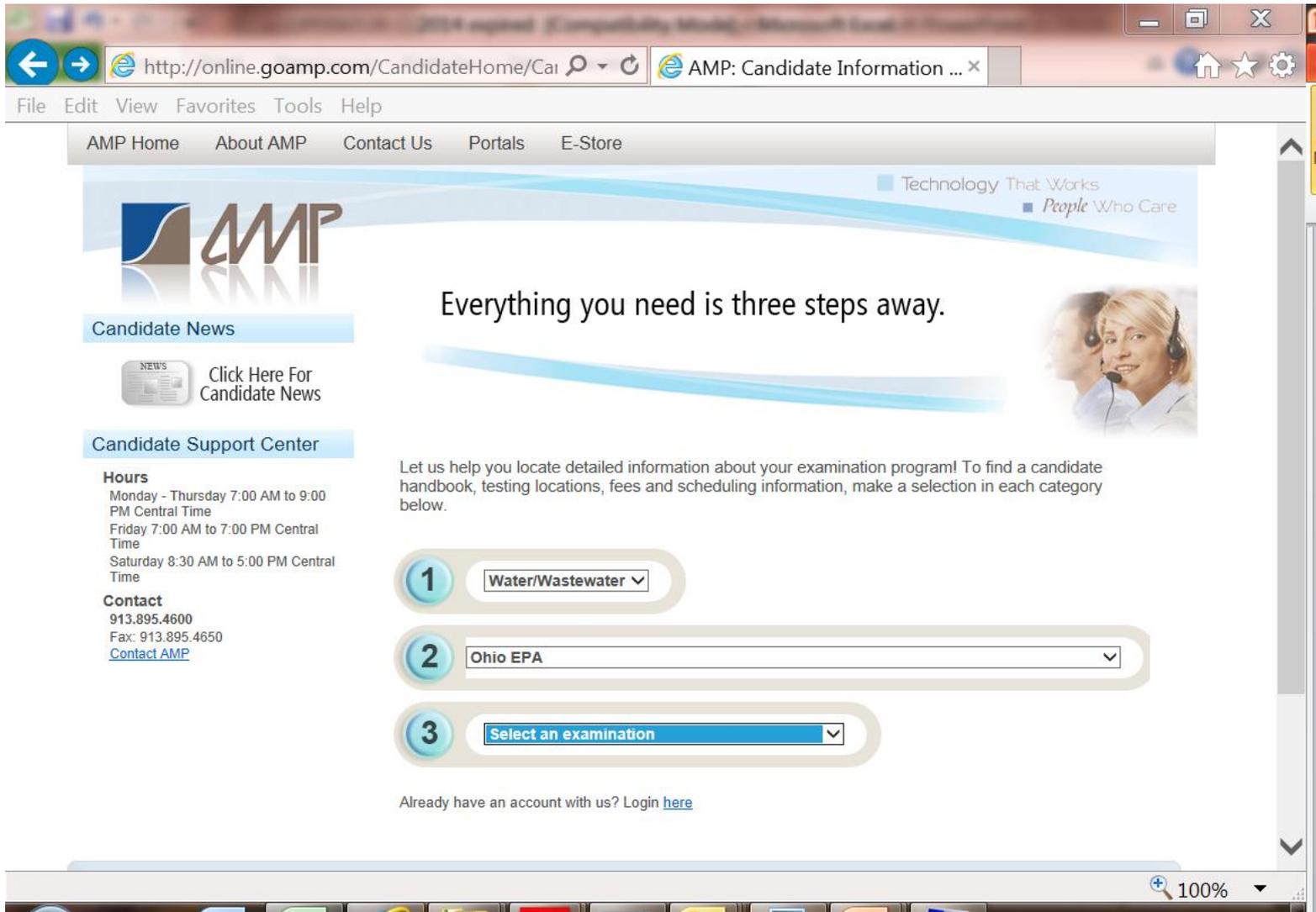
- If you meet the eligibility criteria, go to [AMP's website](#) to start registering for your examination.
 - Select the category: **Water/Wastewater**.
 - Select the program: **Ohio EPA**.
 - Select the appropriate examination.
- During your registration for the examination, you will be required to 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

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People Who Care

- [View Candidate Handbook](#)
- [Locate Testing Center](#)
- [Register for this Exam](#)
- [Reschedule this Exam](#)

Ohio EPA

Water Supply Class III Examination

Candidate Support Center Information

(800) 345-6559

Additional Information

[Application](#)

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Locate Testing Center

Register for this Exam

Reschedule this Exam

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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



Application and Epayment

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





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.

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

[Create New Account...](#)

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

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

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:

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Need Help?
Click this box for assistance.

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	
DMWM Disposal Fees (Pay Existing Invoice)		Inactive		
DMWM Facility Registration	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWM Transporter Registration	Request	Inactive		
DSW Credible Data	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
e-Drinking Water Reports	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWM Disposal Fees (Submit Reports)	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWM Compliance	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWM Facility Licensing	Request	Inactive	view/edit	
DMWM 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	Deactivate	Active		
Water/Wastewater Training Providers: Apply for Contact Hours and Upload Attendance	Request	Inactive		

My Tasks (1)



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-OM	Ebusiness for Operator	Drinking Water	Divas R US	02/14/2014	OM	4.0	0.0	4.0	APPROVED	
OEPA-B2552-X	eBusiness is for the birds!	Both	City of Urbana	01/27/2014	OTHER	4.0	0.0	4.0	APPROVED	
OEPA-D2428-OM	Water Course 1	Drinking Water	TP Tab	01/02/2014	OM	20.0	20.0	0.0	APPROVED	
OEPA-S2430-OM	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



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: TAPerry
 SSN Last 4: 1728
 EBiz Account Name: TAPerry
 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]
- * Have you ever had any Ohio operator certificates revoked or do you have a certificate under suspension?: [select]
- * Have you had a certificate revoked or currently suspended in any other state?: [select]

Application Information

* Certificate Type: Water Supply
 * Class: 2

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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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]



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>

