

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>