

REQUIREMENTS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Please refer to the Operator Certification regulations (Cal. Code of Regs., title 23, div. 3, ch. 26, § 3670, et seq.), sections 3683 - 3686.

Please contact the Office of Operator Certification at (916) 341-5819 or
OpCertProgram@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions.

<i>If you qualified AND passed the examination by:</i>	<i>You MUST meet these corresponding experience and education requirements:</i>	
GRADE I		
Path 1	6 educational points	One year performing duties of an operator while holding an Operator-in-Training certificate.
GRADE II		
Path 1	High school diploma or equivalent and 6 educational points.	2 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 2 (Time-in-Grade)		1 ½ years working in operations while holding a Grade I WWTP operator certificate.
GRADE III		
Path 1	Associates degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses.	2 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 2	High school diploma or equivalent and 16 educational points.	4 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 3 (Time-in-Grade)		3 years working in operations while holding a Grade II WWTP operator certificate.
GRADE IV		
Path 1	Bachelor's degree with a major related to wastewater treatment including 30 semester units of basic science courses.	2 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 2	Associates degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses.	4 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 3	High school diploma or equivalent and 32 educational points.	6 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 4 (Time-in-Grade)		4 years working in operations while holding a Grade III WWTP operator certificate.
GRADE V		
Path 1	Valid license as a civil or chemical engineer issued by the California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.	4 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 2	Bachelor's degree with a major related to wastewater treatment including 30 semester units of basic science courses.	5 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 3	Associates degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses.	6 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 4	High school diploma or equivalent and 48 educational points.	10 years performing duties of an operator while holding a certificate.
Path 5 (Time-in-Grade)		6 years working in operations while holding a Grade IV WWTP operator certificate.