### **Drinking Water and Wastewater Experience Requirements Effective July 1, 2005**

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|  | MINIMUM OPERATING EXPERIENCE TO BECOME CERTIFIED | | | | |
| **CLASS** | **High School Diploma**  **or GED** | **DEP Approved Certificate Program in Water or Wastewater** | **DEP Approved Associates Degree Program in Water or Wastewater** | **Associates Degree in Env’l or Physical Sciences or Engineering** | **BS/BA Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Env’l or Physical Sciences, or Sanitary or Env’l Engineering** |
| A | 4 Years | 2 Years | 1 Year | 3.5 Years | 2 Years |
| B | 3 Years | 1 Year | 6 Months | 2.5 Years | 1 Year |
| C | 2 Years | 6 Months | 6 Months | 1.5 Years | 6 Months |
| D | 1 Year | 6 Months | 6 Months | 6 Months | 6 Months |
| E | 1 Year | 6 Months | 6 Months | 6 Months | 6 Months |
| Dc\* | 6 Months | 0 | 0 | 6 Months | 0 |
| Dn\* | 6 Months | 0 | 0 | 6 Months | 0 |

\*\*\*\*Class Dc and Dn only applies only to drinking water

**Note: 50% of required experience must be actual plant experience. Multiple DEP Approved training certificates, an accredited Certificate Program certificate(s) or already having a license in the opposite field (water or wastewater) may be used to substitute up to 50% of the total experience required. Successful completion of 10 hours of DEP-approved water or wastewater training is equivalent to 1 month of operating experience.**

**1 college credit equals 1.5 months of experience.**

**Class Definitions – Class A thru D certifications must have at least one subclass**

Class A >5 MGD – must have worked at a Class C or higher plant with 4 or more years experience with HS Diploma

Class B >1 MGD but < 5MGD – must have worked at a Class D or higher size plant with 3 years experience with HS Diploma

Class C >100,000 GPD but < 1 MGD – must have worked at a Class D or higher size plant with 2 years experience with HS Diploma

Class D < 100,000 – must have worked at a Class D or higher size plant with 1 year experience with HS Diploma

**Stand alone certifications – Do not need to have subclasses**

Class E - Must have worked at a water distribution (WE) or wastewater collections system (WWE4) with at least 1 year experience with HS Diploma – Class E drinking water can use subclasses 7 thru 14 only

Class Dc - Systems using disinfected groundwater only, and serving <500 people or <150 connections, whichever is less

Class Dn - Systems using groundwater only, NO TREATMENT, and serving <500 people or <150 connections, whichever is less