

Drinking Water and Wastewater Experience Requirements Job Aid

Table 1

CLASS	MINIMUM OPERATING EXPERIENCE TO BECOME CERTIFIED				
	High School Diploma or GED	DEP Approved Certificate Program in Water or Wastewater (CP)	DEP Approved Associates Degree Program in Water or Wastewater (ASP)	Associates Degree in Env'l or Physical Sciences or Engineering (AP)	BS/BA Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Env'l or Physical Sciences, or Sanitary or Env'l Engineering (BS/BA)
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

Education/Experience Substitution

For individuals without a specialized degree defined in Table 1 (CP, ASP, AP, or BS/BA), up to 50% of the required experience can be substituted with education as follows (**the other 50% must be work experience**).

Education	Total Experience Allowance
Successful completion of every 10 hours of post high school or post GED water or wastewater related training (as applicable) approved by DEP and determined by the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators (Board) to be applicable to the certification sought.	10 contact hours = 1 month = 1 CEU
Successful completion of a college course, from an accredited college or university, approved by DEP as specifically related to the water or wastewater disciplines. The Department will approve these courses in accordance with its training approval process guidelines.	1 college credit in DEP-approved water or wastewater treatment coursework = 1.5 months operating experience

Note: Education/Experience Substitution applies to new licenses and upgrades only. It does not apply towards reciprocity applications.