

Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater Treatment Exam Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must meet minimum education and experience requirements to be eligible to take an exam. Per IAC Chapter 81.7(1) <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/aspx/ACODocs/DOCS/9-7-2011.567.81.pdf> certain types of education or work experience are required and some substitutions may be used to meet these requirements.

*This document lists the general requirements; please contact Jane Enfield at 515/725-0463 or jane.enfield@dnr.iowa.gov with questions on substitutions or general eligibility requirements.

Grade A

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Complete an IDNR Grade A Initial Certification workshop. See calendar for scheduled courses. <http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/>

Grade 1

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Complete one year (12 months) operational experience in the area applying: water treatment, water distribution, wastewater

Or

Complete a minimum of six months operational experience in the area applying and earn 30 hours of Post High School Training (3 CEUs) <http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/>

Grade 2

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Complete three years (36 months) of operational experience in the area applying: water treatment, water distribution or wastewater

Or

- Complete at least 18 months operational experience (which is half of the 36 months) in the area applying and earn 67.5 CEUs. (18 months of CEUs at rate of 3.75 CEUs per month)

Grade 3

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Complete four years of operational experience in the area applying: water treatment, water distribution or wastewater (Grade 1 or higher plant)
- Complete at least two years of Post High School Training which could be an Associate's Degree (AA) or higher, 90 CEUs; or a combination thereof.

Grade 4

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Complete four years of operational experience in the area applying: water treatment, water distribution or wastewater (Grade 1 or higher plant)
- Complete at least four years of Post High School Training which could be a Bachelor's degree or higher; a combination of an AA degree and 90 CEUs; or 180 CEUs
- Complete two years of direct responsible charge (DRC) in a Grade 3 or higher plant.