

Oregon's Wastewater Collection System Certification Process

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Objective

Provide information on the process of becoming an Oregon DEQ certified wastewater collection system operator.



Agenda

- Oregon DEQ Rules
- Application Forms
- Qualifications
- Examination
- Renewal-CEUs
- References



DEQ Rules

- Wastewater System Certifying Authority - ODEQ
- Certification Law – ORS Chapter 448
- Certification Rules – OAR Chapter 340, Division 049



Application

- Detailed work experience information
- Information and documentation of education and training
- Affidavit of Work Experience
- If seeking reciprocity, a copy of current operator certificate(s)
- Application Fee
- [Application Form link](#)



Qualifications

Oregon Wastewater System Operator Certificate Qualification Requirements

(See OAR 340-049, as amended October 2002)

TABLE 1: COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATION															
Certificate Level and Qualifications	Path A			Path B			Path C			Path D			Path E		
	Ed	Exp*	Class	Ed	Exp*	System Class	Ed	Exp*	System Class	Ed	Exp*	System Class	Ed	Exp*	System Class
Grade I	HS	1	any												
Provisional 1	HS	any	any												
Grade II	HS	3	any	1	2	any									
Grade III	HS	8	4 ≥ II	1	5	2.5 ≥ II	2	4	2 ≥ II	3	3	1.5 ≥ II			
Grade IV	HS	10	5 ≥ III	1	8	4 ≥ III	2	6	3 ≥ III	3	5	2.5 ≥ III	4	4	2 ≥ III

Examination

- **Computer Based Exam (CBE)**
 - **Offered throughout the year**
 - **Locations**
- **Pen and Pencil**
 - **Last time next spring?**
 - **Deadline (Feb, 1, 2013)**

Certification Renewal

- **Requirements**
 - **Paperwork sent by DEQ**
 - **Every 2 yrs**
 - **2.0 CEUs**
 - **CEU sources**
 - ❖ **CCC Water Environmental School – spring short school**
 - ❖ **APWA Fall and Spring**
 - ❖ **OESAC/DEQ approved**



Reciprocity

- How does it work?
- Where is my certification recognized?



References

- Oregon DEQ: Certification Homepage
 - www.opcert.org
- Oregon DEQ: Direct link to Application for WW System Operator Certification
 - <http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/opcert/docs/forms/applcomputerbased.pdf>
- CEUs
 - <http://www.oesac.com/deqcourses.htm>
- WEF Study Guide
 - <https://www.ewef.org/Home/ProductDetails/tabid/192/productid/2910/Default.aspx>

Questions

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