

Illinois Wastewater Operator Certification Requirements Pursuant to Title 35 Part 380

Facility Classification		Class K	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1
		Industrial wastewater treatment and pretreatment	Lagoon Treatment	Fixed Film Processes & Imhoff Tank Systems DAF < 1.0 MGD	Activated Sludge Systems DAF < 1.0 MGD	All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems with DAF ≥ 1.0 MGD
Experience Required	Total	--	1 year	2 years	4 years	6 years
	Hands On	Facility/Site specific	1 year wastewater operating experience or 6 months plus:	2 years wastewater operating experience or 1 year plus:	4 year wastewater operating experience or 2 years plus:	6 years wastewater operating experience or 3 years plus:
	Educational Experience	*diploma/GED	*diploma/GED			
			*max 3 months wastewater courses *max 1 year of wastewater program *max 3 months for lab, collections, O&M, or community water supply experience	*max 6 months wastewater courses *max 1 year of wastewater program or related courses *max 6 months for lab, collections, O&M, or community water supply experience	*max 1 year wastewater courses *max 1 year of wastewater program or related courses *max 1 year for lab, collections, O&M, or community water supply experience	*max 2 years wastewater courses *max 1 year of wastewater program or related courses *max 1 year for lab, collections, O&M, or community water supply experience
Renewal Training Required		No renewals. Expire in 5 years	15 hours every 3 years (minimum 10 hours technical)		30 hours every 3 years (minimum 20 hours technical)	

1. Submit Exam Request Form 30 days prior to desired exam	2. Receive Letter of Admission & schedule exam	3. Pass Exam (if you don't pass, return to step 1)	4. Meet Experience Requirements & Submit Application	5. Receive Full Certification (valid for 3 years Class 1 - 4 or 5 years Class K)
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DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR FULL CERTIFICATION UNTIL YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR EXAM