BOARD OF WATERWORKS AND WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS: CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS (COMAR 26.06.01)

Apply for Operator-In-Training Certification

Complete OIT Requirements
- Employment at MD Works
- Provide SSN
- Provide signature of designated Superintendent / Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)- status must be active

“Operator-In-Training (OIT)” certificate issued
Work under direction of Superintendent / ORC and per SOPs

Renew every 3 years with
- Training Requirement* (1.5X)
- Attempt exam at least once

Complete Operator Requirements
- HS Diploma or GED
- Pass appropriate examination
- Experience Time Requirement^*

Optional Substitution Credit^^
- Experience
- Education

Apply for Operator Certification

Apply for Reciprocity with Out-Of-State Certificate

Complete Reciprocity Requirements
- Employment or Pending at MD Works
- HS Diploma or GED
- Valid Out-of-State Certificate or License Equivalent for MD Works- Type and Class

“Operator” certificate issued

Renew every 3 years with
- Training Requirement*

Complete Superintendent Requirements
- Experience Time Requirement^*
- College or additional experience time^*
- Designation by plant/ utility

Apply for Superintendent Certification

Complete Provisional Requirements
- Certificate valid for one year
- Attend MDE Training for New Superintendents

“Superintendent” Certificate Issued
Valid only for designated plant/ utility
Applicable Operator Certificate must remain active

Renew every 3 years with
- Training Requirement**

*All certificate holders must obtain training to renew; training units vary with certificate. OITs require an additional 1.5x training. Most classifications require 50% process-related training. One training unit is assigned to one hour of Board-approved training; instructors may earn 1.5 units per hour of instruction given. Training units for each certificate are outlined in COMAR 26.06.01.16 (Table 8).

^**All Superintendents must obtain an additional 7 training units in coursework approved for Superintendents (in business, management or compliance) to renew.

^Experience Requirements are outlined in COMAR 26.06.01.16 (Tables 4-7)

^^Substitution Credit may be granted AFTER passing the appropriate exam.
- Experience Substitution may be granted based on “out-of-state” operator experience or relevant non-operator experience.
- Education Substitution may be granted based on math, science or engineering college coursework.

WWSO Webpage: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Permits/EnvironmentalBoards/Pages/BWW.aspx

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