

Department of Environmental Quality



NOTICE

NEW PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AGENCY ISSUED LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

Effective November 1, 2007

In order to comply with Oklahoma's new immigration law, 56 Okla. Stat. § 71, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has established the following new procedures for an individual to obtain an agency-issued license/certification.

- A. In order to obtain a license/certification or to renew an existing license/certification, the documentation requested in Sections C and E, including a signed Affidavit Regarding Citizenship, is required. In the absence of the required documentation, citizenship and immigration status cannot be determined and applicants may not be eligible for the license/certification for which they are applying.
- B. The Department of Environmental Quality will have available notary public services for the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship at no cost to the applicant at the main office located at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101 during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays).
- C. The following documents **must** be provided to the agency with the relevant license/certification application in order to establish eligibility:

ALL U.S. CITIZENS

1. A copy of a valid, unexpired **Driver's License** or **Photo-Identification Card** from your state of residency; **AND**
2. An original or certified copy of a **Birth Certificate**, a photocopy of a valid, unexpired **U.S. Passport**, a photocopy of a **Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)**, or a photocopy of a **Naturalization Certificate (N-550 or N-570)**; **AND**
3. A signed and notarized **Affidavit Regarding Citizenship** (see attached affidavit)

ALL NON-U.S. CITIZENS:

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, but are a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and are lawfully present in the U.S. to work, please provide one of the documents listed in Section E, along with the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship.

- D. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality participates in the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, which is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative designed to aid in determining a non-citizen applicant's immigration status (lawful presence), and thereby ensuring only eligible non-citizens receive government benefits, such as licenses/certifications.

E. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality will only issue licenses/certifications to Qualified Aliens (non-U.S. citizens) who present valid documentary evidence of one (1) of the following:

- Unexpired foreign passport, with I-551 stamp, or attached Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization;
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (Form I-151, or I-551);
- Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688);
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (Form I-688A)
- Unexpired Reentry Permit (Form I-327);
- Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571);
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) containing a photograph (Form I-688B);
- Valid unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
- Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
- Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- Approved deferred action status (Aliens whose deportation is being withheld under (1) § 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) as in effect prior to April 1, 1997 or (2) § 241(b)(3) of the INA;
- Pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident or conditional resident status. (Aliens granted conditional entry under § 2039 (a)(7) of the INA before April 1, 1980). (Upon approval, the applicant may be issued a temporary license/certification for the period of time of the authorized stay in the U.S., or if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, then for period of one (1) year);
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants, as defined in § 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980;
- Aliens granted parole for at least one year under § 212(d)(5) of the INA;
- Battered aliens, who meet the conditions set forth in § 431(c) of Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (“PRWORA”) as added by § 501 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, P.L. 104-208 (IIRIRA), and amended by § 5571 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, P.L. 105-33 (BBA), and § 1508 of the Violence against Women Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386. Section 431(c) of PRWORA, as amended, is codified at 8 U.S.C. 1641(c);
- Victims of a severe form of trafficking, in accordance with § 107(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, P.L. 106-386.

F. Complying with the above requirements does not guarantee issuance of a license/certification. Applicants must still satisfy all other required qualifications of the respective licenses/certifications for which they are applying.

G. RENEWALS:

Effective November 1, 2007, all applicants will be required to present the documentation listed in Sections C and E to establish eligibility. All licenses/certifications may be renewed upon expiration by, in addition to satisfying any other preconditions required by the particular license/certification, mailing a renewal application and any applicable renewal fee. For renewal applicants that have already demonstrated citizenship by satisfying the requirements set forth in Section C above in his/her original application or a prior renewal application, the applicant shall not be required to resubmit such documentation. For renewal applicants that identify themselves as a “qualified alien lawfully present” in the Affidavit Regarding Citizenship, the documents listed in Section E must be resubmitted to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality with the renewal application in order to demonstrate that the applicant’s lawful status has not changed.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
INSTRUCTIONS for OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAM APPLICATION

1. If you are applying for certification as water, wastewater or laboratory operator by **RECIPROCITY** from another state. Please fill out this section along with the rest of the application.

2. List the **CITY** and **DATE** of the exam you wish to take. Exam dates may be found in the current "MAIN EVENT" newsletter, or the Operator Certification website at www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/opcert/index.html.

3. Print your **NAME, HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE**, etc. Your **BIRTHDATE** and **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** must be shown.

4. List **YOUR JOB TITLE**: (Water Plant Supt, Wastewater Plant Supt, Water Plant Operator, etc).
LICENSE NUMBER: If you are an Operator, Temporary operator or Helper in the State of Oklahoma, your **LICENSE NUMBER** may be found on the pocket card you are to carry with you at all times. If you are not certified, leave the space blank and a number will be assigned to you.
DO YOU SUPERVISE OTHER EMPLOYEES? Answer yes or no. **IF YES**, list the number of employees you supervise. Please list the **NAME OF YOUR SUPERVISOR** and his/her **LICENSE NUMBER**.

5. List your **PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT'S** name, **ADDRESS, CITY, STATE**, etc.

6. **EMPLOYER'S WATER FACILITY / SEWER FACILITY ID NUMBERS**: The Water Facility Number is a seven-digit **NUMBER** and the Wastewater Facility **NUMBER** usually has 5 digits. These numbers identify the type of system. They can be obtained from your Supervisor or Employer.

7. **CHECK (X)** the box on the left of the exam you wish to take. Be sure notice that there are separate boxes for water and wastewater.

8. List your **EXPERIENCE** in Water, Wastewater, Laboratory, or Distribution/Collection which will be used to qualify for this examination. Be sure to list "**TO**" and "**FROM**" dates as well as **DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES**. Make sure to list the required amount of experience for the exam you wish to take. A chart of requirements for each exam is located at the bottom of the first page of the exam application.
NOTE: It is important to update this information each time you apply. **DO NOT** rely on this office to maintain the information. The regulation states this is the responsibility of the Operator.

9. **TRAINING CREDIT** - Please read carefully and enter **TITLE, LOCATION, DATES, HOURS** and **CLASS NUMBERS** as requested. Be sure to list any training you will be taking prior to the exam. Make sure to list the required amount of training for the exam you wish to take. A chart of requirements for each exam is located at the bottom of the first page of the exam application. **The training credit section cannot be left blank.** Submit verification of required training, Academic Transcripts, Attendance Records, etc.
NOTE: It is important to update this information each time you apply. **DO NOT** rely on this office to maintain the information. The regulation states this is the responsibility of the Operator.

10. Read the "**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**", **SIGN, DATE**. Must be original signature, not a photocopy.

FEES: The application fee is a **non-refundable, nontransferable fee of \$40 per exam**.

Please choose form of payment on the **PAYMENT FORM** located at the bottom of page 2 of the exam application.

Make your check or money order payable to: Dept of Environmental Quality and mail it with the exam application to:

DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

FINANCIAL & HUMAN RESOURCES

PO BOX 2036

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73101-2036

FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The application must be postmarked at least **THREE** weeks prior to the date on which you wish to take the exam.

- ✓ Check your application to make sure that you have completed all blanks. If any information is not listed, your application is subject to being returned and not being approved.
- ✓ If you need assistance contact the operator certification section at (405) 702-8150 or (405) 702-8100.
- ✓ After you submit your exam application, you will receive a letter regarding approval/disapproval. If your application is returned to you with a disapproval letter, please make corrections and resubmit your application.

YOU ARE NOT APPROVED TO TAKE AN EXAM UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A LETTER OF APPROVAL FROM DEQ.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAM APPLICATION

Class _____ Water Exam – Score _____ %	Class _____ Water Lab Exam – Score _____ %
Class _____ Sewer Exam – Score _____ %	Class _____ Sewer Lab Exam – Score _____ %
Dist/Coll Operator Exam – Score _____ %	Dist/Coll Technician Exam – Score _____ %
Date Results Mailed _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Internet exam	

THIS BOX FOR DEQ OFFICE USE ONLY

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE TO: Dept. of Environmental Quality
 Financial & Human Resources
 PO Box 2036
 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2036
 Must be postmarked 3 weeks prior to exam date.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment must be included with this application. The **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** application fee is \$40.00 per exam. Payment form is located at the bottom of page 2.

1. Are you applying for this certification by reciprocity? _____ From what state? _____ What classification? _____
Reciprocity may be granted when certification held in another state is current, in good standing and is comparable to Oklahoma Operator Certification rules.

2. LOCATION and DATE OF EXAM YOU WISH TO TAKE: City _____ Date _____

3. Name - Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security# _____ / _____ / _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____ Home Phone # () _____

4. Your Job Title _____ Your License # _____

Do you supervise other operators or helpers? _____ If yes, how many? _____

Name of Immediate Supervisor _____ Supervisor's License # _____

5. Employer _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Office Phone # () _____

6. Water Facility ID# _____ Wastewater Facility ID# _____

7. Please place an X in the box to the left of the exam(s) you are applying for.

WATER	WASTEWATER	REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TRAINING	REQUIRED EXPERIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> D	16 hours	None
<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C	36 hours	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> B	100 hours	3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> A	200 hours	5 years
<input type="checkbox"/> C LAB	<input type="checkbox"/> C LAB	32 hours of C lab training *	None
<input type="checkbox"/> B LAB	<input type="checkbox"/> B LAB	32 hours of C lab training * & 32 hours of B level lab training	6 months
<input type="checkbox"/> A LAB	<input type="checkbox"/> A LAB	32 hours of B lab training	5 years **
DISTRIBUTION / COLLECTION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> C OPERATOR	36 hours	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> TECHNICIAN	8 hours	None

* An Associates Degree or greater in chemistry, biology, engineering, physical science, hydrology, geology, math, env. science, microbiology, toxicology, or civil, chemical, sanitary or env. engineering may be substituted for the 32 hours of DEQ approved C level training.

** Only 3 years of laboratory experience required with an Associates Degree in chemistry, microbiology, instrumental analysis or other field of science approved by the DEQ.

** OR 1 year of laboratory experience required with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, microbiology, instrumental analysis or other field of science approved by the DEQ.

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OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAM APPLICATION

8. Experience: List your experience in water and/or wastewater system operations or maintenance. **YOU MUST LIST AT LEAST THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE LEVEL OF EXAM YOU WISH TO TAKE.** You can find the required amount of experience for each level in the chart at the bottom of the first page. List your present job first. Attach additional sheets if needed.

1. From _____ To _____ Name of Employer _____
 Employer's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Describe your duties in detail: _____

2. From _____ To _____ Name of Employer _____
 Employer's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Describe your duties in detail: _____

9. Training Credit: Please list all water and/or wastewater classes you have attended and/or will be attending prior to the exam. **YOU MUST LIST AT LEAST THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TRAINING FOR THE LEVEL OF EXAM YOU WISH TO TAKE.** You can find the required amount of training for each level in the chart at the bottom of the first page. Applicants requesting credit for technical school or college hours must attach an official transcript for credit to be granted.

THIS SECTION CANNOT BE LEFT BLANK. If you are planning to attend an approved training class prior to the date of your exam session, you must list it below.

Class Title and Location	Class Date(s)	Training Hours	Class Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total hours approved training _____

Highest high school grade or college degree completed: _____

10. Statement of understanding: I hereby certify under penalty of law that this application and any attachments contain no willful or negligent misrepresentation or falsification and that all information is true, accurate and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification may result in rejection of my application or in revocation of any certificate issued as a result of this application.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

<p>Please Choose Form of Payment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed - Made Payable to DEQ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Money Order Enclosed - Made Payable to DEQ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card No: _____ (Must be Visa or MasterCard ONLY)</p> <p>Exp. (mm/yy) ____/____</p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order No.: _____</p>		<p>Rev. 7/2007</p>
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