

# Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division

## Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program

<b>CERTIFICATE NAME</b> Operators must live in or work in the State of Wyoming. The equivalent of a High School Education (HSE) is required for all certifications.	<b>EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT</b> (Based on a 40-hour week)	<b>TRAINING REQUIREMENT</b> (Lifetime total of training hours)
<b>Small Systems Certifications</b> Well System (small water systems with wells and distribution systems) Lagoon System (small wastewater systems with sewer systems and lagoons)	6 months of Well System 6 months of Lagoon System	35 hrs in Water 35 hrs in Wastewater
<b>Water Treatment Plant Certifications (surface water treatment plants)</b> Level 1 Water Treatment Plant (also covers Level 1 Distribution Systems) Level 2 Water Treatment Plant Level 3 Water Treatment Plant Level 4 Water Treatment Plant	6 months of Water 1 year of Water 2 yrs, 1 at Class 2 plant or higher 3 yrs, 2 at Class 3 plant or higher	35 hrs in Water 70 hrs in Water 300 hrs in Water 400 hrs in Water
<b>Wastewater Treatment Plant Certifications (mechanical plants and activated sludge)</b> Level 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant (also covers Level 1 Collection Systems) Level 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant Level 3 Wastewater Treatment Plant Level 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant	6 months of Wastewater 1 year of Wastewater 2 yrs, 1 at Class 2 plant or higher 3 yrs, 2 at Class 3 plant or higher	35 hrs in Wastewater 70 hrs in Wastewater 300 hrs in Wastewater 400 hrs in Wastewater
<b>Distribution Systems</b> Level 1 Distribution Systems (covers <b>ONLY</b> Level 1 Distribution systems) Level 2 Distribution Systems	6 months of Distribution 1 year of Distribution	35 hrs in Distribution 70 hrs in Distribution
<b>Collection Systems</b> Level 1 Collection Systems (covers <b>ONLY</b> Level 1 Collection systems) Level 2 Collection Systems	6 months of Collection 1 year of Collection	35 hrs in Collection 70 hrs in Collection

All certificates require 24 hours of continuing education for renewal every 3 years. 8 of the 24 hours must be in core topic areas and 2 of the 24 must be rules training. 14 of the 24 hours may be in non-core areas of training. A list of core and rule training topics are available on the [Wyoming Operator Certification](#) website.