

REQUIRMENTS BY GRADE

Please refer to Sections 3670.1, 3671 and 3683, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations for more information.
Please contact the Office of Operator Certification at (916) 341-5672 or scfong@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions on qualifying duties and education.

GRADE I			
Path 1	6 educational points	and	1 year performing the duties of operator while holding a certificate
GRADE II			
Path 1	High School or equivalent and 6 educational points	and	2 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 2			1 ½ years as Grade 1
GRADE III			
Path 1	Associate degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses	and	2 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 2	High School or equivalent and 16 educational points	and	4 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 3			3 years as Grade II
GRADE IV			
Path 1	Bachelor's degree with a major related to wastewater treatment including 30 semester units of basic science courses	and	2 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 2	Associate degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses	and	4 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 3	High School or equivalent and 32 educational points	and	6 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 4			4 years as Grade III
GRADE V			
Path 1	Valid license as a civil or chemical engineer issued by the California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors	and	4 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 2	Bachelor's degree with a major related to wastewater treatment including 30 semester units of basic science courses	and	5 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 3	Associate degree or 60 college semester units including 15 semester units of basic science courses	and	6 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 4	High School or equivalent and 48 educational points	and	10 years performing duties of operator while holding a certificate
Path 5			6 years as Grade IV