## Drinking Water Treatment
### Minimum Qualifications for Certification

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| T3    | Successful completion of the Grade T3 examination within the three years prior to submitting certification application **AND**  
At least one year of operator experience working as a certified T2 operator at a T2 facility or higher. This may be substituted with (3) below. **AND**  
At least one additional year of operator experience working as a certified treatment operator. This may be substituted with (1), (2), or (4) below. |
| T4    | Successful completion of the Grade T4 examination within the three years prior to submitting the certification application **AND**  
At least one year of operator experience working as shift or chief operator, while a certified T3 operator at a T3 facility or higher. This may be substituted with (3) below. **AND**  
At least three additional years of operator experience working as a certified treatment operator. This may be substituted with (1) or (4) below. |
| T5    | Successful completion of the Grade T5 examination within the three years prior to submitting the certification application **AND**  
At least two years of operator experience working as a shift or chief operator, while a certified T4 operator at a T4 facility or higher. There are no substitutions. **AND**  
At least three additional years of operator experience working as a certified treatment operator. This may be substituted with (1) or (4) below. |

Experience substitutions for certification, as referenced above.
1. A relevant degree earned at an accredited academic institution may be substituted as follows:  
   a) Associate's Degree or Certificate in Water or Wastewater Technology that includes at least 15 units of physical, chemical, or biological science may be used to fulfill 1 year of operator experience.  
   b) Bachelor's Degree in Biology, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Microbiology, Public Health, or Sanitary Engineering may be used to fulfill 1.5 years of operator experience.  
   c) Master's Degree in the above mentioned fields in (b) may be used to fulfill 2 years of operator experience.  
2. A certified operator may substitute, on a day-for-day basis, experience gained while working with lead responsibility for water quality related projects of research (e.g. pilot plant).  
3. If an applicant has a Bachelor's or Master's of Science degree, completion of a comprehensive operator training program, pursuant to Section 63800(h), may be substituted for the required experience.  
4. Experience gained as a certified wastewater treatment operator may be used to substitute up to 2 years of the experience requirement. Wastewater treatment operator experience is credited on a two-for-one basis (i.e. 2 months in wastewater=1 month in drinking water).