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WASTEWATER OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Per Section 6.03 of the Regulations for Licensing Operators of Wastewater Facilities

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>		<u>EXPERIENCE</u>
I	High School Diploma	<i>Plus</i>	One (1) year of acceptable operating experience
II	High School Diploma	<i>Plus</i>	Three (3) years of acceptable operating experience in Wastewater Facilities of Class I or higher
III	High School Diploma and two (2) years of approved college level education in engineering or allied subjects	<i>Plus</i>	Four (4) years of acceptable operating experience in Wastewater Facilities of Class II or higher; two (2) years of which must have been in a position of Direct Responsible Charge (DRC)
IV	A college degree or completion of four (4) years in a standard curriculum in engineering or allied subjects	<i>Plus</i>	Four (4) years of acceptable operating experience in Wastewater Facilities of Class III or higher, two (2) years of which must have been in a position of Direct Responsible Charge (DRC)

6.02 (d) Where applicable, education may be substituted for a portion of operating experience as specified below:

- [i] Where education or training is substituted for operating experience, it shall not exceed an amount which would reduce the requirement of actual operating experience to less than one (1) year for Class I, or less than two (2) years actual operating experience for Classes II, III, and IV.
- [ii] Education applied to the operating experience requirement cannot also be applied to the education requirement.
- [iii] College Level education in engineering or allied subjects, or equivalent, as approved by the Board, may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for operating experience (any Wastewater Facility Classification).
- [iv] Specialized operator training courses, correspondence courses, Seminars, workshops, etc., may be substituted for operating experience on a case by case basis, and the equivalency will be determined by the Board.

6.02 (e) Where applicable, operating experience may be substituted for educational requirements as specified below:

- [i] Operating experience applied to educational requirement may not also be applied to the operating experience requirement.
- [ii] One (1) year of Direct Responsible Charge operating experience may be substituted for a year-for-year basis for one (1) year of college level education.

6.02 (f) Substitutions for formal education may be made as follows:

- [i] Specialized operator training courses, correspondence courses, seminars, workshops, etc., may be substituted for formal education on a case by case basis; and the equivalency will be determined by the Board.
- [ii] An acceptable High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) may be used to substitute for a High School Diploma.

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