

**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS TABLE**
(Effective April 1, 2013)

Note: Applicants must take and pass the Office of Operator Certification Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Examination before applying for Certification:

PATH	EXAMINATION EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		CERTIFICATION QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
GRADE I			
1	High school diploma or equivalent and 6 educational points	and	1 year of full-time qualifying experience
GRADE II			
1	High school diploma or equivalent and 9 educational points	and	18 months of full-time qualifying experience as a Grade I operator
2	High school diploma or equivalent and 12 educational points	and	2 years of full-time qualifying experience
3	Associate's degree, a higher degree, or a minimum of 60 college semester units, including a minimum of 15 semester units of science courses	and	1 year of full-time qualifying experience
GRADE III			
1	High school diploma or equivalent and 12 educational points	and	3 years of full-time qualifying experience as a Grade II operator
2	High school diploma or equivalent and 18 educational points	and	4 years of full-time qualifying experience
3	Associate's degree or a minimum of 60 college semester units, including a minimum of 15 semester units of science courses	and	2 years of full-time qualifying experience
4	Bachelor's degree or a higher degree, including a minimum of 30 semester units of science courses	and	1 year of full-time qualifying experience

GRADE IV			
1	High school diploma or equivalent and 32 educational points	and	6 years of full-time qualifying experience
2	Associate's degree or a minimum of 60 college semester units, including a minimum of 15 semester units of science courses	and	4 years of full-time qualifying experience
3	Bachelor's degree or a higher degree, including a minimum of 30 semester units of science courses	and	3 years of full-time qualifying experience
4	Valid registration as a chemical, civil, or mechanical engineer issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors or by another state, territory, or Indian tribe	and	2 years of full-time qualifying experience
GRADE V			
1	High school diploma or equivalent and 48 educational points	and	10 years full-time qualifying experience
2	Associate's degree or a minimum of 60 college semester units, including a minimum of 15 semester units of science courses	and	6 years of full-time qualifying experience
3	Bachelor's degree or a higher degree, including a minimum of 30 semester units of science courses	and	5 years of full-time qualifying experience
4	Valid registration as a chemical, civil, or mechanical engineer issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors or by another state, a territory, or an Indian tribe	and	4 years of full-time qualifying experience