

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT
WATER & WASTEWATER
OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
Application Instructions**

General

This form should be used for all **Level III Water Treatment OR Wastewater Treatment** Certification applications until **December 31, 2008** only. It is to be used for applications for "Municipal" or "Public" certification under the Alberta Environment Water and Wastewater Operators Certification Program.

To receive full credit for all education and experience, the form **MUST** be filled out completely.

Incomplete forms **WILL** be returned.

Section A - Personal Information

This information is necessary if personal files are to be complete. Please fill it out completely. Type or print clearly.

Section B - Education

The minimum education requirement for certification is Grade 12 or GED, plus two years of Post Secondary Education (or 90.0 CEUs). A photocopy of the diploma/degree or a transcript indicating that a diploma/degree was granted must accompany the application. If you are applying using CEUs, a copy of course completion certificates must also accompany this application. Substitutions are allowed please see the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Certification Guidelines for further information (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/dwq/certification.html>)

Section C – Substitution of Education for Experience

For Level III Water Treatment or Wastewater Treatment Certification you require four years of municipal relevant operating experience. Substitutions are allowed please see the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Certification Guidelines for further information (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/dwq/certification.html>)

Section D - Request Category

Please indicate Category of certification for which you are applying using the appropriate sheet for each category (i.e. water treatment or wastewater treatment). If qualified at Level III an operator may only write one Level III exam per exam session.

Exams can be rewritten after a six-month waiting period. Candidates must rewrite within one year. Other restrictions may apply regarding rewrites. Please see the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Certification Guidelines for further information (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/dwq/certification.html>)

If an operator is progressing through the levels (i.e., I to II to III etc.) a minimum of 1 year between exams is required.

If a specific exam date and location is desired, please indicate it in the space provided. If this space is left blank, a schedule will be sent when the application is approved.

Section E - Operating Experience

This section **MUST** be completed with details. A separate page for each category (i.e. water treatment or wastewater treatment) is required. Applications that are not complete or are not signed by a supervisor **WILL** be returned.

Section F - Applicant's Declaration

The application **MUST** be signed and dated by the **APPLICANT**

Section G - Verification by Supervisor

The application must be signed by the applicant's Supervisor.

Section H - Other

This space is for any other information the applicant wishes to provide. If using substitutions, please use this space to show how you feel you meet the requirements. Additional sheets may be attached to the application.

NOTE: Calculators may be used while writing certification exams. Also, a conversion/formula sheet will be provided.

Faxed applications WILL be accepted. They may be faxed to (780) 427-5204. All applications must be **received on OR before** the deadline date to be considered. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The collection of personal information on this form is being managed in accordance with the *Alberta Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act*. The authority for collection of personal information pertaining to the certification of water and wastewater operators is regulated in Alberta by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement (EPEA) Act (sections: 80, 81, 82, 83, and 85, Potable Water Regulations (Sections 2, 3, 14, & 15) and Wastewater and Storm Drainage (Ministerial) Regulation (Sections 2, 3, and 6). The personal information collected on this form will only be used in the administration of the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program. The collection of transcripts and course certificates will only be used by the department for verification purposes. Your personal information will not be shared with any other agency, government departments, businesses or individuals without your specific written consent or unless required to do so by law. Please be aware that Certificates of Qualification that are created by Alberta Environment in the administration of the Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act (EPEA) will be disclosed to the public, on request, as authorized under section 35(1)(b)(ii) of EPEA. If you want further details on how your personal information is collected and used, please contact the Drinking Water Branch at (780) 644-4959.

APPLICANT WORKSHEET/CHECKLIST
Level III Certification
Water Treatment/Wastewater Treatment

A. Education

High School Diploma, General Educational Development (GED) transcript or High School Equivalency Diploma required.
A copy of your diploma/transcript would have been sent in with your Level I application therefore you do not need to send a copy again.

Two years approved post secondary education (90 CEUs)

or

One year post secondary education plus 45.0 CEUs

or

One year post secondary education or 45.0 CEUs plus
one extra year of DRC experience

Copy of relevant education documentation must be attached.

B. Experience

Four years current operating experience in a treatment plant,
at least two of which must be in a Class II or
higher facility

_____ years **or**

Three years current operating experience in a treatment plant,
at least two of which must be in a Class II or higher facility plus

one year extra post secondary education _____

Attach a copy of your current organizational chart

C. DRC Experience (may be part of the four years operating experience (see "B"))

Minimum two years DRC experience (or 2 years current
operating experience in a Class IV plant) _____ years

*Note: Additional DRC (maximum 1 year) may be used as substitution
for Education in "A" above.*

D. Elapsed Time

One year since obtaining Level II Certification
Date of Level II Examination: _____

**Please read the application form carefully. Complete all sections.
Obtain the necessary signatures and provide all necessary attachments.**

**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION – PART A
GENERAL INFORMATION
2006/07/08
Alberta Environment
Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program**

Type or Print Clearly All Information

SECTION A – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Position Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Postal Code _____
Current Employer: _____ Facility: _____
Work Address: _____

Work Phone Number: (_____) _____ FAX Number: (_____) _____ Postal Code _____
Area code Area code
Supervisor's Name: _____ Supervisor's Title: _____

SECTION B - EDUCATION – The minimum requirement for certification is high school completion or equivalent. This information should have already been attached with your Level I application for certification. You do NOT need to resubmit this information if already on file.

SECTION C – SUBSTITUTION OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE – Substitutions are allowed. Please see the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Certification Guidelines for further information (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/dwq/certification.html>) Please attach a copy of the degree or confirmation of CEUs. 

Experience Summary Page(s) must accompany this application 

Deadlines

Applications must be received **ON OR BEFORE:**
January 20, April 10, and September 20 – Each Year

NO EXCEPTIONS

Drinking Water Branch
Environmental Assurance
Alberta Environment

Mailing Address: 8th Floor, 9820 – 106 Street
Edmonton, AB, T5K 2J6
FAX: (780) 427-5204

This application is only good until December 31, 2008

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION – PART B – WATER TREATMENT

SECTION D – Application for **Water Treatment Level III**

Exam Location and Date Requested: _____

SECTION E – EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY OF WATER TREATMENT OPERATING EXPERIENCE:

Date Current Position (**Employment**) Commenced: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____
For previous positions attach additional pages with appropriate information

Duties: Provide a description of operation duties and level of responsibility in water treatment operations. **Also attach a copy of your current position description.**

Estimated hours per day spent in water treatment operations: _____

SUMMARY OF DIRECT RESPONSIBLE CHARGE (DRC) EXPERIENCE RELATED TO WATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS

To be certified at a Level III (except Level III in a Class IV plant) an operator must have DRC experience (as defined in the guidelines). Indicate facility and classification where DRC experience was obtained.

Facility: _____ Class: _____

DRC Period: From Month _____ Year _____ TO Month _____ Year _____ Hours per month spent in DRC _____

List DRC Duties: _____

When applying for Level III Water Treatment Certification a copy of your department/municipality organization chart **MUST** accompany your application.

SECTION F – DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I _____ confirm that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Printed Name

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

SECTION G – VERIFICATION BY SUPERVISOR (*All applications MUST be verified*)

I _____ confirm that the above information concerning water treatment operations
Supervisor Printed Name and Title
experience is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Supervisor's Comments: _____

SECTION H – OTHER – Please indicate how you feel you meet the requirements. This space may also be used for any other comments you may have.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION – PART B – WASTEWATER TREATMENT

SECTION D – Application for Wastewater Treatment Level III

Exam Location and Date Requested: _____

SECTION E – EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING EXPERIENCE:

Date Current Position (**Employment**) Commenced: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____
For previous positions attach additional pages with appropriate information

Duties: Provide a description of operation duties and level of responsibility in wastewater treatment operations. **Also attach a copy of your current position description.**

Estimated hours per day spent in wastewater treatment operations: _____

SUMMARY OF DIRECT RESPONSIBLE CHARGE (DRC) EXPERIENCE RELATED TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS

To be certified at a Level III (except Level III in a Class IV plant) an operator must have DRC experience (as defined in the guidelines). Indicate facility and classification where DRC experience was obtained.

Facility: _____ Class: _____

DRC Period: From Month _____ Year _____ TO Month _____ Year _____ Hours per month spent in DRC _____

List DRC Duties: _____

When applying for Level III Wastewater Treatment Certification a copy of your department/municipality organization chart **MUST** accompany your application.

SECTION F – DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I _____ confirm that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Printed Name

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

SECTION G – VERIFICATION BY SUPERVISOR (All applications MUST be verified)

I _____ confirm that the above information concerning wastewater treatment
Supervisor Printed Name and Title

Operations experience is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Supervisor's Comments: _____

SECTION H – OTHER – Please indicate how you feel you meet the requirements. This space may also be used for any other comments you may have.

