

**15A NCAC 08G .0403 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATORS**

Eligibility for certification as a Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator is based on the following qualifications:

- (1) for Grade I certification, the applicant must: have successfully completed approved training for Grade I water pollution control collection system operators.
- (2) for Grade II certification, the applicant must:
 - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade I Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator certificate;
 - (b) have six months of actual experience in water pollution control collection system operations; and
 - (c) have successfully completed approved training for Grade II water pollution control collection system operators.
- (3) for Grade III certification, the applicant must:
 - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade II Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator certificate;
 - (b) have successfully completed approved training for Grade III water pollution control collection system operators; and
 - (c) either:
 - (i) have two years of actual experience in water pollution control collection system operations, or
 - (ii) be a graduate of a two or four year college or university and have taken and passed, a minimum of six courses in a field directly related to the operation and maintenance of a collection system, e.g. civil, mechanical, or environmental engineering, and have one year of actual experience in the operation of a water pollution control collection system.
- (4) for Grade IV certification, the applicant must:
 - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade III Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator certificate;
 - (b) have successfully completed approved training for Grade IV water pollution control collection system operators; and
 - (c) either:
 - (i) have three years of actual experience in water pollution control collection system operations, or
 - (ii) be a graduate of a two or four year college or university and have taken and passed, a minimum of six courses in a field directly related to the operation and maintenance of a collection system, e.g. civil, mechanical, or environmental engineering, and have two years of actual experience in the operation of a water pollution control collection system.

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