



OOC

Drinking Water & Wastewater



Water Boards
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Office of Operator Certification

“Blending of the Waters”



The Purpose of
this Discussion:

DWOCP-
Drinking Water

WWOCP-
Wastewater

- To provide an opportunity for an interactive discussion with State Water Board staff, drinking water and wastewater operators, Chief Plant operators, and water industry subject matter experts.
- Discuss issues/concerns of the DWOCP/WWOCP, and answer questions.



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Each Program will remain separate.

Each program has:

- It's own Regulations.
- It's own Database.
- It's own Physical Files.
- Size differences.



Examinations

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment)
WWOCP (Wastewater)

Frequency of Exams

Site Locations

Format of Exams - Multiple Choice, Essay, Math Questions, Oral Interview

Allotted Time for Exams

Discussion: Drinking Water examinations are all multiple choice, will Wastewater examinations be the same format in the future.



Fees

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment) WWOCP (Wastewater)

DW-Discounted Rates for Dual Operators with Treatment & Distribution

DW-Discounted Rates for Re-examinations

WW-Recent Amendments to Regulations implemented higher fees to operators

Discussion: DWOCP has discounted rates for dual operators. Possibility of discounted rate for operators that hold a Certified Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment certificate.



Experience

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment)

WWOCP (Wastewater)

WWOCP requires operators to be an Operators-In-Training (OIT) and obtain one year of full-time qualifying experience (1,800 hrs) before they can be eligible for certification.

After a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator has obtained one year of full-time experience as an OIT, the operator may make an irrevocable election to substitute sixteen educational points for one year of full-time qualifying experience.

A Wastewater operator may receive a one-time credit for one year of full-time qualifying experience if they have 3,600 or more hours at a Water Treatment Plant.

DWOCP can give credit for Wastewater Treatment Plant experience to a certified Treatment Operator at 2:1 ratio. 2 Wastewater hours for 1 Water Treatment hour.

Discussion: Will the DWOCP require Drinking Water Operators to acquire experience as an OIT?



Continuing Education

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment)
WWOCP (Wastewater)

WWOCP does not require continuing education.

DWOCP requires continuing education contact hours for certification renewals.

Discussion: Will the WWOCP require continuing education?



Communication

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment) WWOCP (Wastewater)

WWOCP has a phone tree for operators to leave voicemail messages. Messages are returned within two business days.

DWOCP does not have a phone tree. Operators directly contact administrative staff.

Both programs have general email addresses:

WWOCP: wwopcertprogram@waterboards.ca.gov

DWOCP: dwopcertprogram@waterboards.ca.gov

Discussion: Concerns regarding response time.



Miscellaneous

DWOCP (Distribution & Treatment)
WWOCP (Wastewater)

WWOCP Operators can currently log on and view their profile on the WWOCP Database (called OCIS).

Discussion: Any Comments on improvements for WWOCP or DWOCP Programs?

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