

455B.213 Certification of operators.

1. *By director.* The director shall certify persons as to their qualifications to supervise the operation of treatment plants and water distribution systems after considering the recommendations of the commission.

2. *Applications.* Applications for certification shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the department and shall not contain a recent photograph of the applicant. An applicant is not ineligible for certification because of age, citizenship, sex, race, religion, marital status, or national origin although the application may require citizenship information. The director may consider the past felony record of an applicant only if the felony conviction relates directly to the practice of operation of waterworks or wastewater works. Character references may be required, but shall not be obtained from certificate holders.

3. *Disclosure of confidential information.* An employee of the department shall not disclose information relating to the following:

a. Criminal history or prior misconduct of the applicant.

b. Information relating to the contents of the examination to persons other than members of a board of certification of another state or their employees or an employee of the department.

c. Information relating to the examination results other than final scores except for information about the results of an examination which is given to the person who took the examination.

4. *Violation.*

a. An employee of the department who willfully communicates or seeks to communicate such information, and a person who willfully requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain such information, is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

b. A member of the commission who willfully communicates or seeks to communicate such information, and any person who willfully requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain such information, is guilty of a public offense which is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days.

[C66, 71, §136A.3; C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §455B.52]

C83, §455B.213

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1892, 1899; 88 Acts, ch 1134, §85; 2011 Acts, ch 25, §103

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