

567—81.8(455B) Operator certification examinations.**81.8(1) Examination application.**

a. All persons wishing to take the examination to become a certified operator of a wastewater or water treatment plant or a water distribution system shall complete an examination application on a form provided by the department.

b. All examination applications shall be accompanied by the examination fee.

81.8(2) Application evaluation. After evaluating an application, the department will notify the applicant of examination eligibility or noneligibility. The director will further review applications when it is indicated that the applicant has falsified information or when questions arise concerning an applicant's qualifications or eligibility for examination or certification.

81.8(3) Application expiration. An approved examination application shall be valid for one year from the approval date.

81.8(4) Examination fee refund. An applicant who does not qualify for examination at the time of application will have the examination fee refunded if the applicant cannot qualify for examination within one year. If an applicant will qualify for a scheduled examination within one year, the fee will not be refunded.

81.8(5) Reexamination.

a. Upon failure of the first examination, an applicant may apply for reexamination.

b. Upon each reexamination when a valid application is on file, an applicant shall submit the examination fee to the department.

81.8(6) Application invalidation. Failure to successfully complete the examination within one year from the application approval date shall invalidate the application.

81.8(7) Reasonable accommodation. Upon an applicant's request, the director will consider reasonable accommodation to allow administration of the examination without discrimination on the basis of disability. An applicant shall request an accommodation 30 days prior to the examination date. An applicant shall provide documentation of eligibility for an accommodation with the examination application form.

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