

**15A NCAC 08G .0402 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOLOGICAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS**

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

- (1) for Grade I certification, the applicant must:
  - (a) have successfully completed approved training for Grade I Biological Water Pollution Control System operators.
- (2) for Grade II certification, the applicant must:
  - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade I Biological Water Pollution Control System Operator certificate;
  - (b) have 6 months of actual experience at a Grade II or higher biological water pollution control system; and
  - (c) have successfully completed approved training for Grade II Biological Water Pollution Control System operators.
- (3) for Grade III certification, the applicant must:
  - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade II Biological Water Pollution Control System Operator certificate;
  - (b) have successfully completed approved training for Grade III Biological Water Pollution Control System operators; and
  - (c) either:
    - (i) have two years of actual experience at a Grade II, or higher, biological water pollution control system, or
    - (ii) be a graduate of two or four year college or university and have taken, and passed, a minimum of six courses in the basic sciences and have 18 months of actual experience at a Grade II, or higher, biological water pollution control system.
- (4) for Grade IV certification, the applicant must:
  - (a) hold a valid North Carolina Grade III Biological Water Pollution Control System Operator certificate;
  - (b) have successfully completed approved training for Grade IV Biological Water Pollution Control System operators; and
  - (c) either:
    - (i) have three years of actual experience at a Grade III, or higher, biological water pollution control system, 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 the basic sciences and have two years of actual experience at a Grade III, or higher, biological water pollution control system.

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