

**15A NCAC 08G .0408 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR IN TRAINING (OIT)  
CERTIFICATION**

- (a) The Commission may allow an applicant for any water pollution control system operator certificate to take the examination if the individual has met all of the prerequisite education and certification requirements but is unable to meet the actual experience requirement.
- (b) Upon achieving a passing score on the examination, the applicant shall be issued an Operator In Training (OIT) certificate of the same type and grade as the examination.
- (c) The Operator In Training (OIT) must not be designated as the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) or Back-up Operator In Responsible Charge (Back-Up ORC) of a system.
- (d) Operator In Training (OIT) certificates must be renewed annually as stipulated in 15A NCAC 08G .0701.
- (e) When the holder of an Operator in Training (OIT) certificate completes the prerequisite experience for the permanent certificate at that type and level, the holder must submit an application documenting the experience, with the appropriate fee for a replacement certificate in order to receive the permanent certificate at that level.

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