

15A NCAC 18D .0308 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH HOURS

(a) All certified operators shall complete six professional growth hours of Board-approved training each year following the year of initial certification. Board-approved training shall contain subject matter relevant to water treatment facility operators and includes the following categories: rules and regulations, equipment, operation and maintenance, record keeping, new treatment technologies, water treatment processes, courses taught as part of certification school curriculum, and management of water treatment facilities. Submitting proof of professional growth hours shall be the responsibility of the operator. Failure to complete the six professional growth hours shall result in expiration of the operator's certificates.

(b) Training providers shall seek Board approval prior to offering events that provide professional growth hours. Training providers shall submit an attendance roster to the Board within ten business days after completion of the training event. The roster shall contain each attendee's full name and certification ID number. The organization providing the training shall give each participant a certificate or other proof of completion that includes the name of the provider, the provider's address, and contact person with telephone number. The proof of completion shall identify the name of the participant, the number of professional growth hours completed, the course name, the course number assigned by the Board, the instructor's name, and the date of the training. For in-house training, an instructor from outside of the organization shall provide the training.

(c) The Board shall mail renewal notices to operators prior to the renewal date and shall state whether the Board has a record of their professional growth hours for the preceding year. If the Board does not have a record of professional growth for an operator, the operator shall provide proof of the required six professional growth hours of training prior to renewal of any certification issued by the Board. Failure to receive a renewal notice shall not relieve a certified operator of the responsibility to renew the certificate by the renewal due date.

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