

Title 197 - NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Chapter 6 - EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

001 The director shall evaluate qualifications of operators based on education, operating experience, knowledge of wastewater characteristics, treatment processes, and wastewater treatment facility operation relating to the classification of wastewater treatment facilities.

002 All applicants for a Class I, Class L, and Industrial I operator's certificate shall meet the following education or experience requirement:

002.01 One year of work experience in a wastewater treatment facility;

002.02 Completion of high school education or the equivalent may be substituted for one year of work experience.

003 All applicants for a Class II or an Industrial II operator's certificate shall meet the following education or experience requirement:

003.01 Two years of work experience in a wastewater treatment facility;

003.02 Completion of high school education or the equivalent may be substituted for one year of work experience;

003.03 Completion of two years of college or technical school or equivalent education in a curriculum related to wastewater facility operation and design may be substituted for two years of work experience.

004 All applicants for a Class III, Class IV, Industrial III, or Industrial IV operator's certificate shall meet the following education or experience requirement:

004.01 Four years of work experience in a wastewater treatment facility with at least two years experience in a Class III, Class IV, or an Industrial III, or Industrial IV facility;

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004.02 Completion of a four year college degree majoring in environmental engineering, environmental sciences, or the equivalent (as determined by the director) may be substituted for three years of work experience;

004.03 Completion of two years of college or technical school or equivalent education related to the wastewater facility operation and design may be substituted for two years of work experience.

Enabling Legislation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15,130(1)(2)(3)(4) and §81-15,131.

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