

# STUDY

## WE RECOMMEND

20-30 hours of study for low level (grades 2 and under)  
40-50 hours of study for high level (grades 3 and up)

**30 days before taking another exam**  
so save your time and money—study!



*DrinkingWater.utah.gov's Study Page* has the study materials listed here and more.

## STUDY MATERIALS

### STUDY GUIDES

Answer what you know, research what you don't.

### SCREENCAST VIDEOS & QUIZZES

Covers the 6 categories on the exam:

- Rules\*
- Math\*\*
- Chemical Feed
- Operation & Maintenance
- Safety & Security
- Pumps

\*Sometimes not up to date when rules have recently changed.

\*\*Coming soon.



### LENDING LIBRARY

Check out the books that were used to create the exam questions, and more.

### TRAINING CALENDAR

Local trainings in Utah (includes some pre-certification courses). *Located on our Operator Certification Page.*

# Exam Registration



## CHOOSE YOUR CERTIFICATION TYPE:

**Distribution:** For those who would like to operate a water distribution system. You will operate and maintain pumps, distribution mains, transmission lines, reservoirs regulators, valves, booster stations, wells, etc.

**Treatment:** For those who filter their water. They will operate and maintain water treatment plants. There are different types of treatment such as conventional plants, direct filtration, membrane, slow sand, etc. You will learn techniques of filtration and maintenance of filtering systems.

**Grade level:** Based on population the water system serves:

#### Distribution Level

Small System - 25-500  
I - 501-1500  
II - 1501-5000  
III - 5001-15000  
IV - 15001 and up

#### Treatment Level

I - 25-1500  
II - 1501-5000  
III - 5001-15000  
IV - 15001 and up

## CHOOSE HOW TO TAKE THE EXAM:

**Online:** \$150, pay and register with RWAU, and schedule an appointment

**Paper:** \$200, pay and register with Drinking Water, conference courses not required

Applications available online at [DrinkingWater.utah.gov](http://DrinkingWater.utah.gov) > Forms or (for online exams) by contacting RWAU ([rwau.net](http://rwau.net))



### CITIZENSHIP FORM

By law, Utah water operators are required to submit a notarized proof of identification to the Division of Drinking Water. This only has to be completed once. Make a copy of your government issued picture I.D. on our citizenship form (found online and attached to each exam registration form), then get it notarized. Any bank has a notary on staff.

# TAKING the EXAM



You will get 3 hours to take the exam. Arrive 15 minutes **early** to check in and get instructions.

## Bring to the exam:



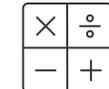
- Calculator (4 function calc. preferred)
- Driver's license or government ID
- #2 pencil and eraser

## Items not allowed during the exam:



- No cellphones, laptops, or devices that can hold custom text (ex: programmable calc.)
- No phones as calculators
- Books
- Your own scratch paper or notes

## Provided during the exam:



- Sheet of math formulas and conversions
- Scratch paper

## WAIT FOR RESULTS

The state takes about four weeks to process your exam\*. Results are confidential and **cannot** be shared via email or phone, *only by mail.*

\*Unless you took an online exam.

# WATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION



Being a water operator allows you the opportunity to learn all aspects of providing a **safe** and plentiful supply of **drinking water** to the public you serve. Besides that, what other job lets you do the things you **loved** as a kid, like playing in the mud, while at the same time ensuring the safety of **public health**? There is something new every day in this career, and **you'll never get bored.**



# Maintenance

Certification is active for a **3-year period** from the next **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** after you pass the exam.

## CEU's

You must acquire CEU's in order to renew at the end of your 3-year period. CEU's are based on your grade level.

Grade SS-2	<b>2 CEU's</b>	= 20 hours
Grade 3 & 4	<b>3 CEU's</b>	= 30 hours

**!** If you are recently certified, don't bother acquiring CEU credit before the next **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** after you passed the exam.

- *Your certification is only tracked from the next Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, through 3 years, ending on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## RENEWAL

After acquiring enough CEU's, you must apply and pay for renewal at the end of your 3-year period.

## STAY CURRENT

You must keep your contact info and water system up to date with us. You can inform us of any changes via email or phone.



More info can be found online on our **Operator Certification > Resources** page, or in our **Stay Certified** brochure.

## contact us

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# BECOME CERTIFIED



## How to become certified

and start a rewarding career providing a precious source of life and safeguarding public health.



DRINKING WATER