What’s New in Operator Certification?

• Rule Making
  – 3745-01, 02 and 03
    • 01 Public water system definition
    • 02 exemptions allowing a Class A
    • 03 addition of Legionella, Clarification of Satellite Systems requirements.
  – Full rule review due in 2016
  – DSW looking to add provisions for very small systems. (Similar to ODH)
What’s New in Operator Certification?

- Class I Water Supply Training
- Fill in forms
- Opcert listserve
- Eapps is here??
- Approved exam provider in place
Renewal Applications

• >5000 Applications are being sent this week.
• 837 have not renewed their certificate from 2013
  – Cannot act as ORC
  – $20 late fee
  – 12/31/14 complete app due
## 2015 Exam Dates

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| Examination Date: May 5, 2015  
Application Deadline: **February 4, 2015** | Examination Date: May 6, 2015  
Application Deadline: **February 5, 2015** |
| Examination Date: November 4, 2015  
Application Deadline: **August 6, 2015** | Examination Date: November 5, 2015  
Application Deadline: **August 7, 2015** |
Approved Exam Provider

- Association of Boards of Certification (ABC)
  - 5 locations
  - 3 hour test
  - 100 questions
Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

1. Certification Commission for Environmental Professionals (C\textsubscript{2}EP) Path
   - ABC Application review
   - Sequential examinations
   - Code of Conduct
Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

• 2. Ohio EPA Testing Service
  – Application (attestation)
  – Immediate registration
  – Full fees required for a retake
Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

• C$_2$EP Advantages –
  – Separate ABC Certificate issued
  – Professional Operator Designation
  – Reciprocity with a number of States
  – Discounted retake fees
  – 30 day retake waiting period
  – Ohio EPA Certification
Two Pathways for Certification using ABC Testing

• **Ohio EPA Testing Service Advantages**
  - EPA equivalent exam
  - 30 day retake waiting period
Approved Exam Provider Fees

- **C₂EP (Available August 2014)**
  - Exam fee $145
  - Exam administration fee $64
  - Total $209

- **Ohio EPA Testing Service (Available now)**
  - Exam Fee $46
  - Exam administration fee $64
  - Total $110
Approved Examination Providers

Ohio EPA is pleased to announce alternative water and wastewater operator certification examinations, which are available more frequently and in more locations than Ohio EPA’s traditional paper and pencil testing. The State of Ohio has approved the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) as an approved examination provider. Operators may now choose to take an ABC examination and then seek State of Ohio certification for all levels of certification except Class IV. ABC examinations will be offered in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. Ohio EPA will continue to offer paper and pencil examinations in Columbus in the spring and fall of each year. Applications for the traditional paper and pencil testing are available above. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the operator certification unit at 1-866-411-OPCT (6728) or by email. To find out more about the ABC certification program, please visit [ABC’s Ohio Certification website](#).

- Schedule an examination through ABC
- Application for certification through an approved exam provider - To be completed by an operator who has passed an exam given by an approved examination provider (e.g., ABC)
How to Become an Ohio EPA Certified Operator

ABC is an approved exam provider for Ohio EPA. As an approved exam provider, ABC offers computerized operator certification exams five-six days per a week at approximately 200 assessment center locations across the United States. Ohio EPA operator certification exams available through this program include:

- Water Supply, Classes A, I, II, and III
- Water Distribution, Classes I and II
- Wastewater Treatment, Classes A, I, II, and III
- Wastewater Collection, Classes I and II

Steps to obtain your Ohio EPA certification through this program are as follow:

1. Review the eligibility criteria below to determine whether you may sit for the exam. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, contact Ohio EPA at opcert@epa.state.oh.us or 1-855-411-OPCT (60728).

### Eligibility Requirements

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*Reductions available for education and course completion.
Contact Ohio EPA at [opcert@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:opcert@epa.state.oh.us) or 1-866-411-OPCT (6728) for details.

2. If you meet the eligibility criteria, go to [Ohio EPA’s website](http://www.ohioepa.org) to start registering for your examination.
   - Select the category Water/Wastewater.
   - Select the program: Ohio EPA.
   - Select the appropriate examination.

3. During your registration for the examination, you will be required to attest to your eligibility and intent to apply for Ohio EPA certification.

4. Once you have passed your exam, submit your examination results, [Ohio EPA application for certification](http://www.ohioepa.org), and applicable fees to Ohio EPA.

#### Certification Fees

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Everything you need is three steps away.

Let us help you locate detailed information about your examination program! To find a candidate handbook, testing locations, fees and scheduling information, make a selection in each category below.

1. Water/Wastewater
2. Ohio EPA
3. Select an examination

Already have an account with us? Login here
Ohio EPA
Water Supply Class III Examination

Candidate Support Center Information
(800) 345-6559

Additional Information
Application

View Candidate Handbook
Locate Testing Center
Register for this Exam
Reschedule this Exam
Registration Questions

1. Do you understand that if you attest to any false information, Ohio EPA may initiate disciplinary action which may include revocation of any Ohio EPA certifications you hold or may gain through this process?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Do you intend to seek Ohio EPA operator certification?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you currently hold an Ohio EPA certification in this field at the same level or a higher level than the exam you are applying to take?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you understand that this exam WILL NOT qualify you for an ABC/C2EP (Professional Operator) certification?
   - Yes
   - No

5. Do you hold a High School Diploma or the equivalent?
   - Yes
   - No
Registration Questions

6. Have you been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a criminal charge of falsification, fraud, or terrorism?
   ○ Yes, I have been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a criminal charge of falsification, fraud, or terrorism.
   ○ No, I have NOT been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a criminal charge of falsification, fraud, or terrorism.

7. Have you had any Ohio EPA operator certification revoked or do you have any certification currently under suspension?
   ○ Yes, I have had an Ohio EPA operator certification revoked and/or I have a certification currently under suspension.
   ○ No, I have NOT had an Ohio EPA operator certification revoked and I do NOT have any certification currently under suspension.

8. Have you ever had a certificate revoked or do you have any certificate currently under suspension in another state?
   ○ Yes, I have had a certificate revoked and/or I do have a certificate currently under suspension in another state.
   ○ No, I have NOT had a certificate revoked and I do NOT have a certificate currently under suspension in another state.

9. Do you have 12 months of operating experience as a Class II Ohio EPA certified operator in the field for which you are applying?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No
Unique Identifiers

Client Data Information - Step 4 of 7

1. Please provide the last four digits of your Social Security number below:

2. Please provide your assigned 7-digit Core Person ID number below, if applicable:

Previous  Cancel  Next
Payment Info

Payment - Step 6 of 7

Please verify the charges below. If it is incorrect, use the "Previous" button to make any modifications. If the charges are correct, enter your credit card information and click the "Next" button below to apply for your examination.

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Fees are processed in US dollars

Total amount due is: $110.00

Cardholder First Name: JOHNNY
Cardholder Last Name: FOOTBALL
Billing Address: 213 BROWNS STADIUM
Billing City: ELYRIA
Billing State: OH
Billing Zip: 44053
Type of Credit Card: Visa
Credit Card Number: (no spaces)
Expiration Month: 1
Expiration Year: 2014

By clicking on the "Next" button, I agree to pay the above amount according to the card issuer agreement.

[Previous] [Cancel] [Next]
How does an operator get Ohio EPA certified?

- Application to Ohio EPA
  - $45 Fee
  - Documentation of experience
- Certificate Issuance
- OITs should wait until they meet experience requirements.
- Paper and pencil tests will still be offered 2 times per year at the Ohio Expo Center
Eapplication and Epayment

- E-application
  - Ebiz center
    - Exam applications
    - Renewal applications
    - Contact hour applications

- Epayment
Ohio EPA eBusiness Center

Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center is a secure portal for the regulated community and consultants to electronically complete and file Ohio EPA-related reports and permit applications.

New Account

Don't have an account? Click the link below to create a new account.

Create New Account...

System Support

Do you need assistance or have questions about Ohio EPA eBusiness Center?

Click here for online help...

Phone: (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ)
Hours of live support: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM weekdays, except State holidays.

Forgot your password?

http://epatestapps.epa.state.oh.us/PortalHelp.jsp
Create New User Account

Enter new user account information below. If you need assistance please contact us at (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ).
* = required field.

User Information

* User ID: Johnny Football
(The user ID is case-sensitive)
* First Name: Johnny
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Football
Company Name: Cleveland Browns
* Job Title: Target
New Account Successfully Created

Welcome to the eBusiness Center...
The creation of the following account was successful:

User ID: JohnnyFootball
Johnny Football
1111 browns way
Cleveland OH, 11111 -1111

An e-mail notification has been sent to andrew.baleenbrock@epa.ohio.gov.

Limited Privileges
This account has been created with limited privileges. If you wish to submit an application or report you will need to request a PIN. The PIN is a number only you know and is proof of your identity.

Getting Help
If you need help at any time please feel free to contact us at (877) 372-2499 (1-877-EPA-BIZZ) or get help online at our AnswerPlace by clicking here.

Thanks for using Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center!

Click here to login to the eBusiness Center...
Eapps

• If you do not already have a PIN you will have to request a PIN.
• To get a pin - Complete and print the PIN request/Subscriber Agreement form. Form must be notarized.
• Send to form to Ohio EPA
• Receive PIN from Ohio EPA and Activate
Welcome to the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center

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### Certified Operator Service

This screen can be used to edit your contact information, apply for new exams or certifications, renewal certificates and apply contact hours to your certificate.

**Timothy A Perry**

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CLYDE OH, 43410

#### Exam Applications

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