



**Montana Application for Certification as an  
OPERATOR of A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM or A WATER  
TREATMENT SYSTEM**

(in accordance with Sections 37-42-101 through 37-42-322. MCA).

Rev/10/2015

**MAIL WITH CORRECT FEES TO:**

MT DEQ/WWOC  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901  
Phone: (406) 444-4584

**Application Fee - \$70 (Good for one year)**

**Exam Fees per exam:**

<b>1A - \$70</b>	<b>1B - \$70</b>
<b>2A - \$70</b>	<b>2B - \$70</b>
<b>3A - \$70</b>	<b>3B - \$70</b>
<b>Very Small System</b>	
<b>4AB - \$70</b>	

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**Operator Status:**

**OPERATOR NUMBER**

Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
In Training \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Fully Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Status:**

Water Application pd: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Examination pd: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reciprocity pd: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Study Materials Sent on: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Applicants can take an exam at one of the scheduled exam sites **OR** by appointment in one of our DEQ offices located in Billings, Helena or Kalispell. To make arrangements, call the Operator Certification Program.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Birth Date

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip County

Home Phone Cell Phone Business Phone Business Fax# Business E-mail Address

WATER SYSTEM EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
System Name Your Supervisor's Name

Your Job Title PWS # System MAILING Address City ZIP County

**MAIL INFORMATION TO:** \_\_\_\_\_ Home OR \_\_\_\_\_ Work

**VERIFICATION OF EDUCATION:** (Please indicate and provide a **copy** of one)

HIGH SCHOOL or COLLEGE DIPLOMA or TRANSCRIPTS  GED CERTIFICATE  JOB SERVICE ASSESSMENT

**TYPE AND CLASSIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE(S) APPLIED FOR:**

TYPE	CLASS				(Please leave blank - For office use only - Exam #)
	1	2	3	4	
<b>A</b> = Water Distribution System Operator	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	
<b>B</b> = Water Treatment Plant Operator	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	

Applications, fees, **verification of education** and examination notices **MUST** be submitted at least **30 days** before the examination.

**IMPORTANT: The information provided below will be crucial in determining if you will become an operator-in-training or a fully certified operator.**

**SYSTEM GENERAL EXPERIENCE RECORD:**

What year did you enter work in a WATER DISTRIBUTION (WD) SYSTEM?	What year did you enter work in a WATER TREATMENT (WT) SYSTEM?
<p><b>Enter number of <u>years</u> Water Distribution experience in:</b></p> <p>1. Operation and maintenance: _____</p> <p>2. Maintenance: _____</p> <p>3. Other (describe): _____ _____ _____</p>	<p><b>Enter number of <u>years</u> Water Treatment experience in:</b></p> <p>1. Groundwater source: _____</p> <p>2. Surface water source: _____</p> <p>3. Chlorination: _____</p> <p>4. Fluoridation: _____</p> <p>5. Stabilization: _____</p> <p>6. Iron or manganese removal: _____</p> <p>7. Lime, lime/soda softening: _____</p> <p>8. Coagulation &amp; sedimentation: _____</p> <p>9. Filtration: _____</p> <p>10. Other (describe): _____ _____ _____</p>

**SYSTEM DETAILED EXPERIENCE RECORD:** Please list below your **water distribution and water treatment** work experience in detail. Begin with your present or last employment and continue in reverse time order. If you have held two or more positions for the same plant or different levels of responsibility or with different duties, list and describe them separately the same as though this had been for separate employers. If you need more space, fill out a blank sheet in the same form as that outlined below and attach it to the application.

<p>System Name: _____</p> <p>Owner Name: _____</p> <p>PWS # _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone # _____</p> <p>Job Title (Check one)</p> <p>_____ Superintendent      _____ Chief Chemist</p> <p>_____ Asst. Supt.              _____ Lab Tech.</p> <p>_____ Shift Spvr.             _____ Mechanic</p> <p>_____ Operator                _____ Electrician</p> <p>Other: _____</p>	<p><u>EMPLOYMENT DATES</u></p> <p>From                                  To</p> <p>_____                                  _____</p> <p>Month and Year                  Month and Year</p> <p>Total _____ employed</p> <p>  Years and Months</p> <p>Hours per week _____</p> <p>_____ Full time                  _____ Part Time</p>	<p><u>DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES</u></p> <p>(If work was of a supervisory nature, give number supervised)</p> <p>Specific Duties: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Reason for Leaving: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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**PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SYSTEM PRESENTLY OPERATED:** *(type of system, treatment, and population served - be specific):*

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**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT:** *In order to apply to become a certified operator in Montana, an applicant must provide documentation of education. The minimum requirement is a high school diploma, GED certificate or certificate of competency through the Job Service. Please include copies with your application.*

*Two days of education in post-secondary engineering training or the equivalent may be substituted for each day of experience up to 1/2 of the experience requirement described on the front of this application. **This education will not be considered unless the dates of completion and degrees earned are listed and a copy of transcripts is provided with this application.***

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

**or G.E.D CERTIFICATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
State Where Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

**or JOB SERVICE CERTIFICATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(DEQ employee's initials) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Approval) \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE OR VO-TECH** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_ Major and Minor Curricula \_\_\_\_\_

Degree earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Quarters or Semesters Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER COLLEGE OR VO-TECH** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_ Major and Minor Curricula \_\_\_\_\_

Degree earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Quarters or Semesters Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION** *(Your employer will automatically be notified if they paid your application and examination fees. If your employer **DID NOT** pay, please check one):*

\_\_\_\_\_ Please notify my present employer of the results of my examination(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT notify my present employer of the results of my examination(s).

**CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT:** *(**Important** - Please read carefully before signing. Unsigned and undated applications will be invalidated or returned. )*

**I agree to uphold the Montana Operator Code of Ethics which reads:** "Using my best judgment and operating skills, I will always work, to protect the public health, to ensure good service, to protect public property and the environment, by applying my skills in operating water and wastewater system equipment, by properly and accurately completing required records, following and complying with state and federal rules and regulations, continuing my education in my field, and working with management to establish distinct and safe operating policies for the public utilities for which I am entrusted."

**I swear under penalty of perjury that all information provided in this application submitted for certification is true.** I understand that misstatement of material facts may result in forfeiture of all rights to certification in accordance with Section 37-42-101 through 37-42-322, MCA.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature)