

# 2026 Exam Dates

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
1520 EAST SIXTH AVE  
WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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OPERATOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print) OPERATOR #: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SYSTEM OPERATED: \_\_\_\_\_ PWS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASSIFICATION OF EXAM: \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Date \_\_\_\_\_

To register for one of the examinations on this form, **our office must receive** the following at least **30 days before the exam date**:

1. A completed application and education documentation (New applications.) If you have an application on file, then this form needs to be to our office 15 days prior to the exam date. See Exam Registration Deadlines below.
2. Application fees: **\$70 for water and/or \$70 for wastewater**
3. Examination fees: **\$70 for water treatment, \$70 for water distribution and/or \$70 for wastewater;**  
AND
4. A completed copy of this form indicating when the exam will be taken

## **EXAM REVIEW, CEC's & DEQ EXAMINATIONS:**

Exam review and CEC sessions run concurrently at Water Schools and at the MRWS Conference.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, ***you MUST also contact the training provider to register for the training*** (additional fees may be charged). **DEQ** – (406) 444-4584 or (406) 444-3434 **MRWS** (406) 454-1151 **MW2OI** (406) 994-7402

Training Provider	Training Location	Training Date	Exam Location	Exam Date	Deadline to submit New State Application for Certification	Exam Registration Deadline	(✓)
MRWS 46 <sup>th</sup> Technical Conference and Exhibition (MRWS)	Billings	3/23/2026 - 3/25/2026	Billings	3/25/2026	<b>2/24/2026</b>	3/11/2026	
MW2OI Spring Water School	Kalispell	5/27/2026 - 5/29/2026	Kalispell	5/29/2026	<b>4/30/2026</b>	5/14/2026	

## **DEQ OFFICE EXAMINATIONS:**

All exams can be taken in a DEQ office in **Helena** by appointment. Please call (406) 444-4584 or (406) 444-3434 to make an appointment. You must schedule **15** days ahead of your desired examination date unless you are submitting a new application to become a certified operator, then it is **30** days before the exam date. To sign up for an examination and for application information contact [OperatorCertification@mt.gov](mailto:OperatorCertification@mt.gov). Application and other valuable information is available on our website at: <https://deq.mt.gov/water/Programs/operator>

## **PLEASE READ:**

**Remember, you need to contact both the Operator Certification Program as well as the trainer (MRWS) or (MW2OI) providing the review in order to be registered for BOTH the training AND the exam.**

**Remember to bring these items with you to the exam:**

- **Photo ID**
- **Basic Calculator**
- **No. 2 Pencils**