

OREGON WATER OPERATOR GRADE LEVEL PREREQUISITES

TREATMENT OPERATORS

Level	Requirements
1	HS/GED and 1 year experience, OR A 2-year Associates degree in water technology may be substituted for 6 months of the experience No other education can be substituted for this requirement.
2	HS/GED and 3 years experience, OR 1 year relevant post-high school education and 2 years experience
3	HS/GED, 1 yr relevant post-high school, and 5 yrs experience, with 2.5 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 2 yrs relevant post-high school, and 4 yrs experience with 2 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 3 yrs relevant post-high school, and 3 yrs experience with 1.5 yrs of ODM
4	Currently a Level 3 operator AND one of below: HS/GED, 2 yrs relevant post-high school, and 6 yrs experience with 3 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 3 yrs relevant post-high school, and 5 yrs experience with 2.5 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 4 yrs relevant post-high school, and 4 yrs experience with 2 yrs of ODM
FE	Currently a Level 2 Water Treatment Operator AND 1 yr of ODM at a Class 2 conventional filtration plant

DISTRIBUTION OPERATORS

Level	Requirements
1	HS/GED and 1 year experience, OR A 2-year Associates degree in water technology may be substituted for 6 months of the experience No other education can be substituted for this requirement.
2	HS/GED and 3 years experience, OR 1 year relevant post-high school education and 2 years experience
3	HS/GED AND 8 YEARS OF ACCEPTABLE OPERATING EXPERIENCE w/2.5 Yrs ODM, OR HS/GED, 1 yr relevant post-high school, and 5 yrs experience, with 2.5 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 2 yrs relevant post-high school, and 4 yrs experience with 2 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 3 yrs relevant post-high school, and 3 yrs experience with 1.5 yrs of ODM
4	Currently a Level 3 operator AND one of below: HS/GED AND 10 YEARS OF ACCEPTABLE OPERATING EXPERIENCE w/3 Yrs ODM, OR HS/GED, 2 yrs relevant post-high school, and 6 yrs experience with 3 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 3 yrs relevant post-high school, and 5 yrs experience with 2.5 yrs of ODM; OR HS/GED, 4 yrs relevant post-high school, and 4 yrs experience with 2 yrs of ODM

Each year of experience is equivalent to 12 months of full-time work in water treatment or distribution, with 100% of time spent on activities in the certification desired (treatment or distribution). Note: An operator who works both in treatment and distribution will take longer than one year to qualify for a Level 1. (See rules regarding substitute experience.)

Forty-five (5) continuing education quarter units can be substituted for 1 year of post high school education.

ODM = Operational decision making

FE = Filtration Endorsement