

74:21:02:40. Application for examination. An individual desiring to take an examination shall file an application with the board's secretary on an application form provided by the board's secretary. The examination application must be accompanied by the required examination fee as specified in § 74:21:02:50 for the operator classification for which application is made. The examination application must be received by the board's secretary at least two weeks before the examination date. ~~An individual must meet all education and experience qualifications to take a Class II, III, or IV examination.~~ An individual must be able to meet the Class I, II, III, or IV education and experience qualifications within one year to take a ~~Class I~~ such examination. The following information must be provided on the examination application form:

- (1) The applicant's name and address;
- (2) The grade of certification for which application is made;
- (3) Education and training that the applicant received from schools and training courses;
- (4) The length of experience, a description of work, and references which pertain to the applicant's qualifications;
- (5) The type of plant or system the applicant is operating; and
- (6) Any other information which the board's secretary considers necessary to determine eligibility of the applicant for certification.

Examinations given to operators by the secretary shall be based on the water and wastewater characteristics, treatment processes, and treatment plant operation relating to the classification of the plant or system that they intend to operate.

Source: 6 SDR 49, effective November 19, 1979; 13 SDR 129, 13 SDR 141, effective July 1, 1987; 20 SDR 56, effective October 28, 1993; 27 SDR 53, effective December 4, 2000; 31 SDR 71, effective November 24, 2004.

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74:21:02:52. Annual certificate renewal. Certificates expire on the first day of February each year. All operators shall apply for renewal of their current certificates. Certificates shall be renewed by payment of the applicable fee as set forth in § 74:21:02:50 unless they are not renewable under § 74:21:02:53, replaced by one of a higher grade, or revoked or suspended under § 74:21:02:57. Renewal receipts shall be issued by the secretary upon receipt of the renewal fee.

Criteria for yearly renewal shall include the operator's attendance at seminars, training courses, technical conferences, or related college courses approved by the board's secretary ~~to equal one continuing education unit (CEU) or 10 contact hours every four~~ years.

~~Beginning with the yearly renewal of February 1, 2010, an An operator holding only one certificate, which is a Class I or II certificate, is required to have 10 contact hours or one CEU continuing education unit (CEU) in the three years prior to the renewal date. An operator holding only one certificate, which is a Class III or IV certificate, is required to have 20 contact hours or two CEUs in the three years prior to the renewal date. If an operator has more than one certificate and all certificates are Class I and II certificates, the operator is required to have 15 contact hours or 1.5 CEUs in the three years prior to the renewal date. If an operator has more than one certificate and at least one of those certificates is a Class III or IV certificate, the operator is required to have 30 contact hours or three CEUs in the three years prior to the renewal date.~~

~~Operators renewing a restricted certificate issued between July 1 and December 31, 2000, must attend an approved water treatment or water distribution training course in order to renew their certificate on February 1, 2002. Criteria for renewal of these restricted certificates after 2002 are the same as for other certificates.~~

Source: 6 SDR 49, effective January 1, 1980; 13 SDR 129, 13 SDR 141, effective July 1, 1987; 27 SDR 53, effective December 4, 2000; 34 SDR 304, effective June 9, 2008.

General Authority: SDCL [34A-3-24](#).

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