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Guide to GA Certification Renewal Changes



Overview of Rule Changes

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts has made changes to the rules regarding the renewal of Water and Wastewater Licenses. Fundamentally, the licensee will be required to obtain more renewal points and to obtain a specific portion of those points from specified coursework. (Board Rule 750-6-.02)

Who is affected by this Rule Change?

All Georgia Certified Drinking Water, Wastewater, Distribution System and Collection System Operators, as well as all Laboratory Analysts will be affected by this rule change.

When will this Rule Change take affect?

The new requirements will go into effect on July 1, 2013 and be effective for the renewal period of **June 30, 2015** and all renewal periods thereafter. (Board Rule 750-6-.02)

How many Renewal Points will I need? (Board Rule 750-6-.02)

License	Required Points	Approved Coursework
Class I Drinking Water Operator	24	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class II Drinking Water Operator	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class III Drinking Water Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class IV Drinking Water Operator	6	All points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class I Wastewater Operator	24	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class II Wastewater Operator	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Class III Wastewater Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)

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How many Renewal Points will I need? (Board Rule 750-6-.02) continued

License	Required Points	Approved Coursework
Class IV Wastewater Operator	6	All points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Industrial Wastewater Operator	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Drinking Water Laboratory Analyst	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	18	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Water Distribution System Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Water or for Both (Water & Wastewater)
Wastewater Collection System Operator	12	At least 50% of the points must be in coursework approved for Wastewater or for Both (Water & Wastewater)

What do I need to do if I have more than one Certification? (Board Rule 750-6-.03)

A licensee will have to provide confirmation of the highest number of continuing education points which are required to renew any of the Operator's or Laboratory Analyst's certificates. For example, a person holding a Class I Wastewater license (24 points) and a Wastewater Laboratory License (18 points), will only have to obtain 24 renewal points and not 42 points.

Any person holding dual certification (i.e. – Class III Wastewater Operator and Class III Drinking Water Operator) shall obtain a minimum of 25% of the required continuing education points in each discipline to satisfy requirements. See the examples below:

Example 1:

Class III Wastewater Operator license and Class III Drinking Water Operator License – The maximum number of required renewal points will be 12 points. At least 25% of these points (3 points) will need to be from course work approved for Wastewater or Both (Water & Wastewater) and another 25% (3 points) will need to come from course work approved for Water or Both.

Example 2:

Class I Drinking Water Operator license and Wastewater Collection System Operator license – The maximum number of required renewal points will be 24 points. At least 25% of these points (6 points) will need to be from course work approved for Water or Both (Water & Wastewater) and another 25% (6 points) will need to come from course work approved for Wastewater or Both.

Where can I get more information regarding these changes?

Additional information regarding these changes, as well as the actual Board Rules, can be found at the following website: www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/water/.