

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal

Approved continuing education is required for the renewal of all water or wastewater certificates. Continuing education used for renewal must be earned during the three years prior to certificate expiration. All water or wastewater certificates expire on December 31st of a specific year. For example, if a certificate expires on December 31, 2007, continuing education units (CEUs) must be earned between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.

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| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 Expire | 2011 | |
| Education Required During this Timeframe | | | | | |
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Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

The department recognizes the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) as a unit of education. One CEU is equivalent to 10 contact hours of education.

Board Policies 02-T-03 and 02-T-04

The Governor’s Water/Wastewater Works Advisory Board Policies 02-T-03 and 02-T-04 address continuing education unit training and continuing education for certificate renewal. Copies of these policies are available at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/opcert/policies.htm>.

Policy 02-T-03 sets forth criteria that the department uses to determine if courses are eligible for CEUs. The policy also sets forth criteria for determining whether a course is core or non-core to the water or wastewater industry. Core courses are those specifically related to the water or wastewater industry or that are integral to the operation and maintenance of the system. Non-core courses, while still relevant to the water or wastewater industry, are those indirectly related or peripheral to the industry.

Policy 02-T-04 sets forth criteria for core CEUs required for certificate renewal. Water treatment, water distribution, wastewater treatment, and wastewater collection certificate renewals require 2.0 core CEUs and a total of 3.0 CEUs. For small, untreated water system certificate renewals 0.5 drinking water core CEUs are required. For small, treated water system certificate renewals 1.0 drinking water core CEUs are required.

| Type of Certificate | Total Number of CEUs Required During the Three Years Prior to Expiration | Number of Core CEUs Required |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Provisional, 1, 2, 3, or 4 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Small, Treated | 1.0 | 1.0 (Drinking Water) |
| Small, Untreated | 0.5 | 0.5 (Drinking Water) |

Operators with Existing OIT Certificates

Changes to the regulations allow for existing OIT certificates to be renewed one time provided operators document the required CEUs and pay the renewal fee. OIT certificates renewed in 2006 and beyond will be valid for a three year period, but not renewed a second time.

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/06 can be renewed through 12/31/09

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/07 can be renewed through 12/31/10

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/08 can be renewed through 12/31/11

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/09 cannot be renewed

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/10 cannot be renewed

OIT certificates expiring 12/31/11 cannot be renewed

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