

# EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Industry professionals seeking new or upgraded certifications are required to meet minimum initial education requirements for each grade level, all of which must be wastewater related (as determined by the Board). The education requirements are cumulative and include the previous grade's education (e.g. Grade IV/4 certification requires the Grade III/3 education requirements plus two additional post-secondary courses).

Restricted Certificates carry no regulatory authority to operate wastewater treatment plants but serve as a stepping stone to the next level of certification for certified individuals seeking advancement at their current facility or employment at a facility with a higher classification level than their current facility. Restricted Certificates are valid for five years and cannot be renewed.

## Renewal Requirements

Certified Operators (certificants) are now required to complete pre-approved continuing education for renewing certifications. The following number of contact hours are required for each 2-year renewal (and must be obtained within each 2-year renewal cycle).

GRADE	EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION (FULL)	EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION (RESTRICTED)	RENEWAL (2-YEAR CYCLE)
I / 1	High school diploma or equivalent; 50 hours (5 CEUs)	High school diploma or equivalent	5 hours (0.5 CEU) (Up to 1 hour may be safety-related and/or utility management combined)
II / 2	Grade I/1 certification; 100 hours (10 CEUs)	Hold an active unrestricted Grade I/1 certification and meet Grade II/2 education requirements.	10 hours (1 CEU) (Up to 2 hours may be safety-related and/or utility management combined)
III / 3	Grade II/2 certification; 100 hours (10 CEUs) & 2 postsecondary courses	Hold an active unrestricted Grade II/2 certification and meet Grade III/3 education requirements.	15 hours (1.5 CEUs) (Up to 3 hours may be safety-related and/or utility management combined)
IV / 4	Grade III/3 certification; 100 hours (10 CEUs) & 4 postsecondary courses	Hold an active unrestricted Grade III/3 certification and meet Grade IV/4 education requirements.	20 hours (2 CEUs) (Up to 4 hours may be safety-related and/or utility management combined)