

## SECTION IX – CERTIFICATION – FULL

Full Certifications are issued to candidates who meet all of the educational and full-time equivalent (FTE) operating experience requirements, and pass the certification examination for the grade level and discipline in which they seek certification. The Full Certification carries regulatory authorization to Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators to operate in the grade level for which they are certified. Full certifications valid for two years from the date of issuance.

Full Certifications may be renewed no earlier than 90 days prior to certification expiration. A complete renewal application, appropriate fees, and supporting continuing education documentation must be submitted to be considered for renewal. The following table lists the initial education and experience requirements for obtaining an Full Certificate as well as the continuing education requirements for renewing an Full Certificate:

<b>Full Certificate Requirements for Initial Certification and Renewal</b>				
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Initial Certification Requirements</b>			<b>Renewal</b>
	<b>Education</b>	<b>Experience</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
I/1	High school diploma or GED	1 year of FTE operating experience	60	5
II/2	High school diploma or GED	2 years of FTE operating experience; with at least 1 year at a Class 2 (or higher) facility	120	10
III/3	High school diploma or GED and 2 post-secondary courses	3 years of FTE operating experience; with at least 1 year at a Class 3 (or higher) facility	120	15
IV/4	High school diploma or GED and 4 post-secondary courses	4 years of FTE operating experience; with at least 1 year at a Class 4 facility	120	20