

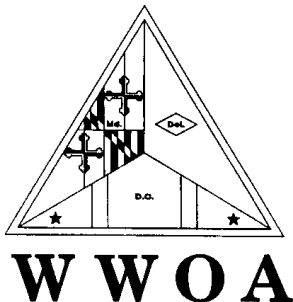
# **A Guide to Maryland Certification**

## **for Water and Wastewater Operators and Superintendents**

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# Message from the Secretary of the Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators



*Board Staff—Lawrence, Doug, and Pat*

Dear Operator,

The systems that provide drinking water for our citizens and treat the wastes generated by our daily activities play an important role in protecting public health and the environment of Maryland. Through the certification program established by State law, the Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators sets the education, experience and examination standards for operators and superintendents who work in these systems.

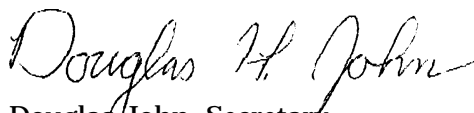
At present about 3,000 individuals hold approximately 5,000 certificates from the Board. Although the number of our certificate holders may be relatively small when compared

to other State licensing boards, our program is fairly complex since the Board issues and renews certifications in five categories and 23 certification classes.

A major concern of an effective and efficient certification program is a vigorous effort to provide information so that confusion and misunderstanding about the program are minimized. This Guide to certification plays an important part in providing this information.

If you have any questions about the certification process, please do not hesitate to call the Board at (410) 537-3167 or (800) 633-6101, x-3167, fax to us at (410) 537-3168, or write to us at *Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230*. Lawrence, Pat, and I will help you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas John, Secretary

## Disclaimer

To help operators learn about the certification process, WWOA and MCET have provided this interpretation of the certification regulations. If this Guide in any way contradicts the regulations, be aware that the regulations take precedence over this Guide. If you have questions, please refer to the certification regulations and contact the Board of Certification for more information.

# Message from WWOA and MCET



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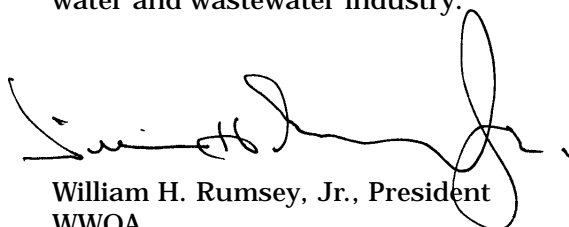
The Water and Waste Operators Association (WWOA) and the Maryland Center for Environmental Training (MCET) have cooperatively developed this Guide to help water and wastewater operators and superintendents learn about the certification process in Maryland. Both the WWOA and MCET believe that certification is a key to ensuring the professional success of operating personnel and the protection of the environment.

This Guide describes the process for certifying operators and superintendents in Maryland. Among other topics, the Guide outlines the various requirements of the certification regulations for each of the classifications of certification, as well as the certificate renewal training requirements.

Use this Guide as a quick reference for certification. Although we believe this summary of selected certification regulations is accurate, it is an interpretation and abridgement of those regulations. If there is any conflict between this Guide and the regulations, it is unintentional and the regulations govern. We encourage you to become familiar with and refer to the regulations when necessary. We hope this Guide makes them easier to understand.

We extend our appreciation to all of the people from the WWOA and MCET who helped produce and revise this Guide. The WWOA TRE Committee Representative, Robert Dudley, provided project oversight and drafted text materials. Laura Ford of MCET edited, designed and desktop published the Guide. We also thank the Maryland Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators, especially Secretary Douglas John, for support of this project and technical review of the Guide.

The WWOA and MCET are considering undertaking other joint projects to meet the needs of water and wastewater professionals. Publications, training events, technical assistance and outreach are being discussed. If you have suggestions, contact us at the addresses and phone numbers in the "Resources" section of this Guide. Also, please contact us with your comments or questions about this Guide. We wish you success as you start the certification process and later as you accumulate skills needed to face the professional challenges of the water and wastewater industry.



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