



Certified Operator Requirement for OSWTS (On-Site Wastewater Treatment System)

Who Must Comply?

The Division of Water reissued the KPDES General Permit for On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OSWTS) serving Individual Family Residences. The permit became effective Aug. 1, 2013.

Under the KYG400000, the permittee is required to enter into a maintenance agreement with a certified operator or develop and implement an operation and maintenance plan if the permittee is the certified operator.

How Do I Find a Contract Operator for My OSWTS?

If you are not a certified wastewater treatment operator and want to hire a contract operator for your on-site wastewater treatment system, visit the On-Sight Wastewater Treatment Plant System Contract Operators List at <http://eec.ky.gov/ocp>.

How Do I Become a Certified Operator for My OSWTS?

Apply for a Class I Operator in Training (OIT) Wastewater Treatment license and pass the examination

How To Become an OIT?

OITs must pass the appropriate operator certification exam. To apply for the exam, individuals must submit the following to the Certification and Licensing Branch: the Education and Experience Documentation Form, Registration Form for Exams and Training and appropriate fee. The examination fee of \$100 must be submitted with the forms. Applicants may choose to attend the certification preparatory training prior to the examination. The fee for the preparatory training must be submitted with the forms and examination fee. The fees are listed on the bottom of the Registration Form for Exams and Training. (currently \$90 for the three-day preparatory training—\$190 for certification preparatory school and exam) The schedule of examination dates are located on the program's website

**On-Site Wastewater
Treatment System**

Certifying **Professionals**



Applying for a Wastewater Treatment and/or Collection System Certification Cont.

Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification Requirements

Certification Level	Education	Experience
Limited	Minimal level of education is not required.	Minimal level of experience is not required. (Limited is only available for operators working for a school wastewater treatment plant and collection system.)
Class I-OIT	High school diploma or GED is required.	Experience is not required.
Class I	High school diploma or GED is required.	One (1) year of acceptable operation of a wastewater treatment plant shall be required.
Class II	High school diploma or GED is required.	Two (2) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater treatment plant shall be required.
Class III	High school diploma or GED is required.	Three (3) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater treatment plant with one (1) year of that experience in a wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity greater than 50,000 gallons per day shall be required.
Class IV	Baccalaureate degree in engineering, science or equivalent is required.	At least five (5) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater treatment plant shall be required. Three (3) years of the required experience shall be in a wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity greater than two (2) million gallons per day. At least one (1) year of primary responsibility in a wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity greater than two (2) million gallons per day shall be required.

Wastewater Collection Certification Requirements

Certification Level	Education	Experience
Class I-OIT	High school diploma or GED is required.	Experience is not required.
Class I	High school diploma or GED is required.	One (1) year of acceptable operation of a wastewater collection system shall be required.
Class II	High school diploma or GED is required.	Two (2) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater collection system shall be required.
Class III	High school diploma or GED is required.	Three (3) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater collection system with one (1) year of that experience in a wastewater collection system that transports wastewater to a treatment plant with a design capacity of greater than 50,000 gallons per day shall be required.
Class IV	Baccalaureate degree in engineering, environmental technology; biological, physical or chemical sciences or equivalent is required.	At least five (5) years of acceptable operation of a wastewater collection system shall be required. Three (3) years of the required experience shall be in a wastewater collection system that transports wastewater to a treatment plant with a design capacity of greater than two (2) million gallons per day.