

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

Out-of-state applicants who hold wastewater treatment plant operator licenses in their state and who are seeking employment with the County of Hawai'i should first visit the following website to obtain detailed information on how to obtain a Hawai'i Operator Grade III or IV license through reciprocity:

Hawai'i State Department of Health, Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities website:

http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/wastewater/wtc_cert.html

<http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/wastewater/pdf/reciprocity.pdf>

Information on prerequisites for examination qualification is prescribed in Title II, Chapter 61, "Mandatory Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants."

Please call Department of Health at (808) 832-5478 should you have any questions about wastewater operator certification, qualification requirements, exams, renewal, application forms, and fees.

The Board of Certification administers two examinations per calendar year in February and August. Applications for wastewater operator certification examinations are mailed to all county, private, and federal agencies approximately 4 to 5 months prior to the examination date. Should you require a form, please contact the Board of Certification or download it from the Operator Certification section above.

If you are seeking wastewater grade operator licenses through reciprocity and apply for County of Hawai'i wastewater recruitments, request for a verification of application from the County Department of Human Resources for submittal to the Department of Health. This will verify to the Department of Health that you have applied for wastewater jobs with the County of Hawai'i.

Once you obtain the appropriate wastewater grade operator license, submit the license to the Department of Human Resources for final processing of your application for employment with the County of Hawai'i.

Individuals who meet the minimum qualification requirements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III and IV levels will be placed on an eligible list for one year by the Department of Human Resources. Qualified applicants will be referred to

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Department of Human Resources

the Department of Environmental Management (the hiring department) for employment consideration.

The Department of Environmental Management's Wastewater Division for the Island of Hawai'i (often referred to as the "Big Island") is comprised of a staff of 50 employees. The Division is responsible for operating and maintaining 4 wastewater treatment plants, 17 pump stations, and approximately 90 miles of gravity sewer main on the island. The Division is currently working on implementing an effluent reuse program at the Kealakehe Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Kailua-Kona.

Information on the wastewater treatment plants is shown in the table below:

Wastewater Treatment Plant	Location	Current Grade	Capacity (MGD)	Treatment Process
Hilo	Hilo, HI	IV	5.0	Tricking Filter-Solids Contact
Pauka'a-Pāpa'ikou	Pāpa'ikou, HI	III	0.35	Activated Sludge
Kula'imano	Pepe'ekeo, HI	III	0.5	Activated Sludge
Kealakehe	Kailua-Kona, HI	III	5.31	Aerated Lagoons

Immediate vacancies for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III and IV are at the Hilo Plant.