

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE  
CHAPTER 333, DIVISION 61

DRINKING WATER

333-061-0228

**Certification Requirements for Small Water System Operators**

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  - (a) Have graduated from high school or completed an approved GED program;
  - (b) Have ~~and~~ completed an Authority-approved training for small water system operations ~~and water treatment processes; and~~
  - ~~(bc)~~ Submit a certificate demonstrating ~~the~~ completion of the requirements ~~and training~~ specified in subsections (1)(a) and (b) of this rule; ~~and-~~
  - (d) Beginning on August 1, 2022, obtain a score of at least 70 percent on an Authority-approved written examination for small water system operations. For individuals with certification that expires after July 31, 2022, the person must pass the written examination to obtain a new certificate upon expiration of their existing certification.
- (2) Small water system ~~C~~certification ~~at the small water system level~~ expires on July 31, three years after the certification was granted~~the training specified in subsection (1)(a) was completed.~~
- (3) Individuals certified as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0235 through 333-061-0265 at levels 1 through 4 for water distribution or water treatment are qualified to be designated in direct responsible charge of a small water system ~~classified as small as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0220(1).~~
- (4) Small water system operator certification as prescribed by this rule is exempt from fees.

Note: Information regarding Authority-approved written examinations may be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/OperatorCertification/SmallWaterSystems/Pages/index.aspx>.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 448.131 & 448.450

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How the rule text will appear if all the proposed amendments are adopted.

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