

As defined in OAR 333-061-0020(42), a CEU is a nationally recognized unit of measurement for assigning credits for education or training that provides the participant with advanced or post high school learning. In Oregon, one CEU is awarded for every 10 classroom hours of lecture or the equivalent of participation in an organized education experience, conducted under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction as determined by the Authority or its designee.

Water system operators certified in Oregon are required to maintain their knowledge and skills through the acquisition of 2.0 CEUs within each certification period. A minimum of eighty percent (16 hours or 1.6 CEUs) must be comprised of technical, managerial, or financial capacity topics, as outlined in OAR 333-061-0260 (see below). The remaining twenty percent (4 hours or .4 CEUs) are discretionary, and may include any general training topics. Operators are encouraged to work with their supervisors to select training that meets the specific needs of their water systems as well as their own professional development goals.

As defined in OAR 333-061-0260, CEUs for specialized operator training shall be accepted from the following categories at the discretion of OHA:

- (A) Technical capacity: water treatment facilities construction and performance, source construction and protection, capacity, storage, pumping and distribution facility construction and protection, water distribution integrity/leakage and water quality issues related to public/user health.
- (B) Managerial capacity: water system operation, planning, system governance, development and implementation of system policies, professional support, record keeping, drinking water and related regulations to insure protection of public health, communication and involvement with water users.
- (C) Financial capacity: adequacy of revenues to meet expenses, revenue sources, affordability of user charges, rate setting process, budgeting, production and utilization of a capital improvement plan, periodic financial audits, bond ratings, debt and borrowing.

DWS uses the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) Need-to-Know criteria for treatment and distribution exams when determining whether a specific training meets the above requirements and are eligible to receive CEUs. For specific information regarding the types of training that will be accepted, refer to the most recent version of the ABC Need-to-Know Criteria for Distribution and Water Treatment Operators, which are located on the Operator Certification Website:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/OperatorCertification/Levels1-4/Pages/renewal.aspx>