

# ARKANSAS WATER OPERATOR LICENSING PROGRAM

Arkansas Department of Health – Engineering Section  
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## Water System Operator License Application Information

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

We are pleased to furnish information concerning the procedure to be followed in making application for license. There are two license types (Treatment or Distribution), with as many as five license grades. Please see the attached license determination charts to determine which license type and grade your job duties require. If more than one license is required, you may apply for both on the enclosed application or apply for each at different times on a separate application for each license. (The application form may be photocopied.)

To apply for license, please fully complete the attached application and return it to the address shown on the application. You must enclose, with the application, the required **fee of \$35.00 for one license or \$70.00 for both licenses**. Fees cannot be refunded or transferred to another operator. The applicant's fees and application will be valid for one year from receipt of the application or last exam taken. If additional time is needed please request before the one year holding period ends.

The application should be returned 60 days before taking an exam to allow for adequate time to process the application. When we receive your completed application and fees, you will be provided a license exam preparation packet to assist you in preparing for the closed book, multiple-choice exam. Returning the application well in advance of taking the exam will give you more time to use the exam preparation materials in the packet. The packet also includes an exam session schedule and exam training course information. Licensing and training information is also available on our Internet site at: [www.healthyarkansas.com/eng/oper.htm](http://www.healthyarkansas.com/eng/oper.htm).

All licenses require you to meet education requirements. Specific mandatory training courses must be attended prior to sitting for any license exam. Total course time ranges from 40 hours, for the lowest license grades, to 96 hours. You are required to have a High School Diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED). If you do not have a H. S. Diploma or GED, please contact the Certification Officer for details on possible waiver of the requirement by the Licensing Committee.

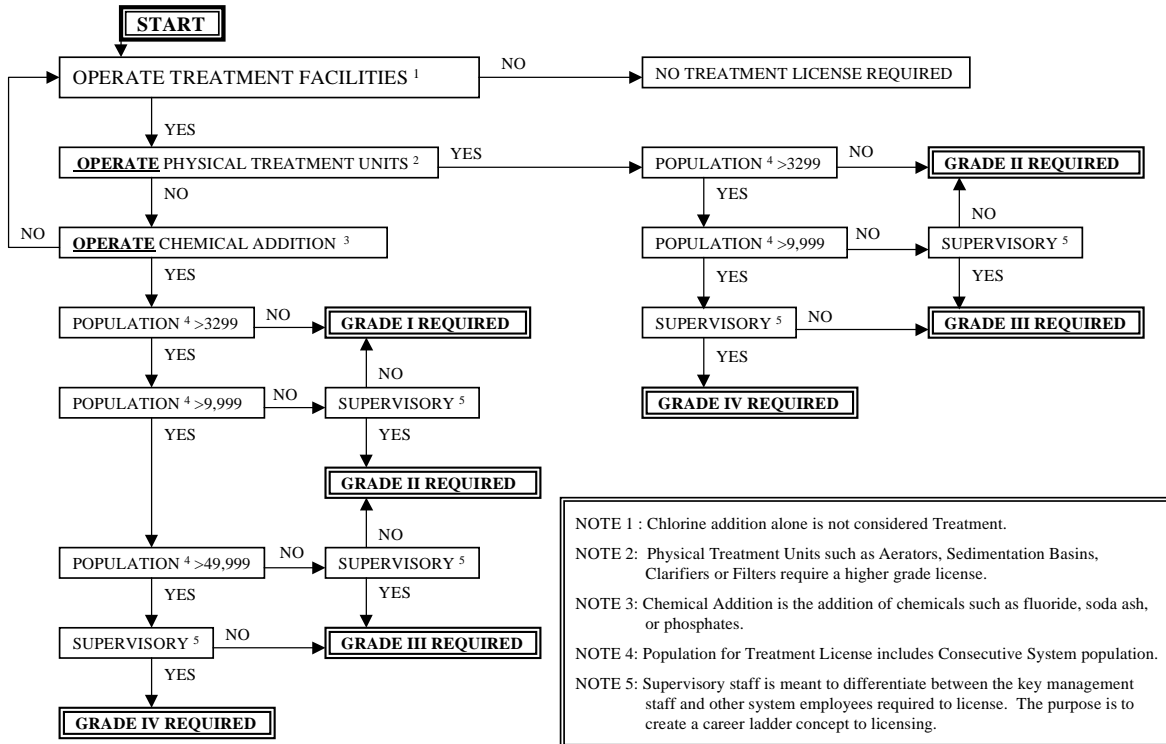
Each license has an experience requirement that must be met. The experience requirement ranges from no experience required for the Very Small System License to three years for a Grade IV License. The license will be issued when the exam has been passed and the experience requirement has been completed. When the exam is passed prior to completing the experience requirement, the operator is designated as an Operator-In-Training until the experience requirement is met.

If you have any questions concerning the licensing program, please contact this office, by telephone at (501) 661-2623 or by e-mail at < [Martin.Nutt@arkansas.gov](mailto:Martin.Nutt@arkansas.gov) >.

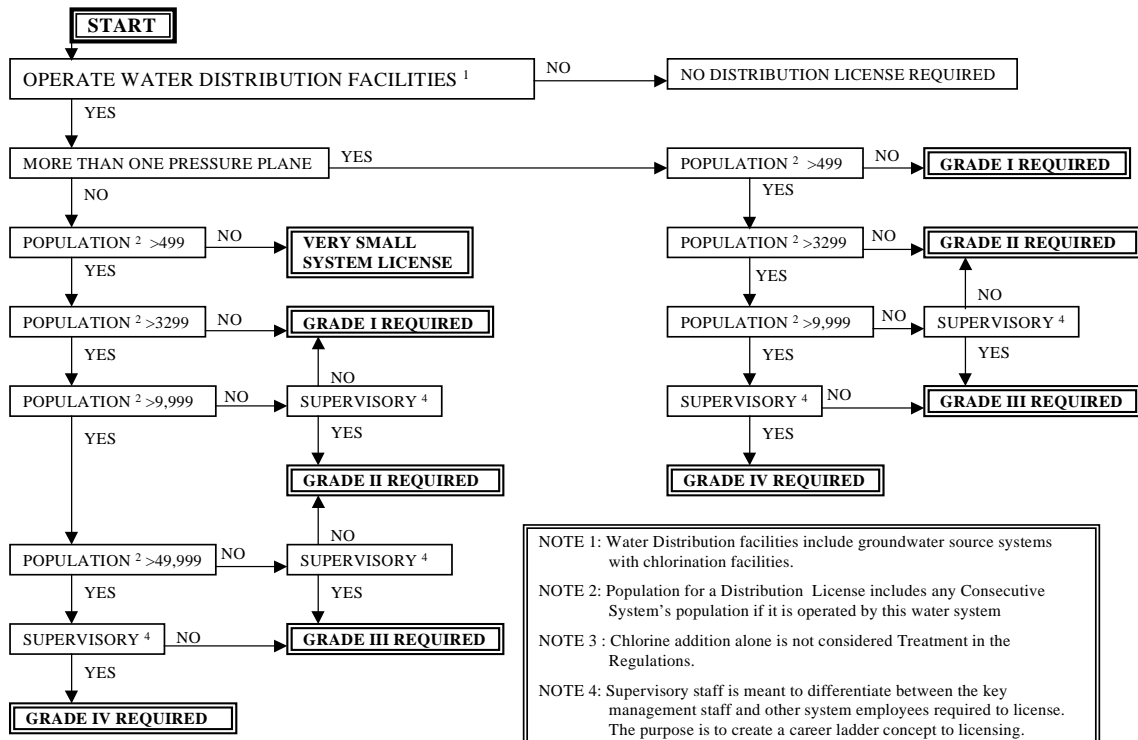
### Enclosures

(Please, remove and retain this sheet and the license determination sheet. Submit the two page application.)

## TREATMENT LICENSE GRADE REQUIRED



## DISTRIBUTION LICENSE GRADE REQUIRED



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Application Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Customer # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pending # P \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd P \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exam Fee \_\_\_\_\_ License Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
 PWS # \_\_\_\_\_ Eng. Dist. # \_\_\_\_\_ Water Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR  
 WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR LICENSE**

This application is submitted pursuant to the authority granted by Act 333 of 1957 as amended (ACA 17-51-101 et. seq.). The **fully** completed application should be filed at least 60 days prior to the desired exam session. Licenses are only issued to individuals, not the water system, and are their responsibility to keep the licenses current. All required **fees must be included** with this application for it to be processed. Each license by exam or reciprocity requires a license fee (\$10.00) and either an exam fee (\$25.00) or reciprocity evaluation fee (\$25.00) for a total of \$35.00 per license requested.

Qualified applicants with disabilities, as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request any needed reasonable accommodations to participate in the licensing process.

**Mail application and make check payable to:** Engineering Section  
 Arkansas Department of Health  
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**Check the fee that has been enclosed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ License by Examination Fee - \$35.00 for each License  
 \_\_\_\_\_ License by Reciprocity Evaluation Fee - \$35.00 for each License  
 (Provide a copy of the license & proof it is current for License(s) being submitted for reciprocity evaluation.)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be printed on License certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for License Info: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Water System Operated: \_\_\_\_\_ PWS ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you operate additional water systems, please list their system information on back of this page and check this box.

Present Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for (circle grade): **Treatment License \***, Grade I II III IV and/or **Distribution License \***, Grade VSS I II III IV

Other Water License(s) Held \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Background for Evaluation of Experience Credit:**

High School Diploma: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If no, GED earned: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ \*\* Highest grade level completed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE OR SPECIALIZED EDUCATION:**

Institution Name & Location	Degree/Course Name	# Yrs Attended	Degree Earned

Apply above degree(s) to: Experience requirement \_\_\_\_ or Mandatory Training Courses \_\_\_\_ . See regulations for details.

I have checked this box indicating I do not wish to receive training preparation materials in CD-ROM format.

\* Please see enclosed charts to determine which license type and grade your water system job duties require.

\*\* No HS Diploma or GED. Please contact Certification Officer for information on a possible waiver by the Licensing Committee.

**Employment Background for Evaluation of Experience Credit:** (Be sure to begin with your **present employment/job duties and start date**. List your water system operation, maintenance and/or management experience and job duties for each specific job duty/position held. Attach additional information, if warranted. This list of experience and the above listed education will be evaluated to determine your compliance with the experience requirement. Incomplete or vague descriptions may delay the issuance of your license.)

FROM: (MM/DD/YY)	TO: (MM/DD/YY)	Employer's Name	Describe All Job Duties Related To License (If Job Duties Have Changed List Separately)
From:	Present		
Duties Cont'd			
From:	To:		
Duties Cont'd			
From:	To:		
Duties Cont'd			

I understand that an Operator-In-Training certificate will be issued to me, when the license exam is passed prior to meeting the experience requirement. The certificate or license will be valid for the balance of the present two-year renewal period. (Each renewal period ends June 30 of odd numbered years.) A renewal fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be charged for each license renewed. In order to renew the certificate or license, I understand I must obtain at least twenty-four (24) hours of approved training for each two-year renewal period. (The first renewal period will be prorated at one hour per month the certificate or license has been held.) Also, I understand that all training must be certified by registering for the training courses attended and providing a written list of this training to the Drinking Water Advisory and Operator Licensing Committee with each renewal period's renewal documents and fee remittance.

I, the below signed individual, authorize the release of my employment, education and license records to the Arkansas Department of Health, to the extent necessary to determine my eligibility to obtain a license. I understand my License and Application information, except for my Social Security Number, is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. I agree to perform my duties as a Licensed Operator or Operator In Training in accordance with all applicable State and Federal Laws. I understand that failure to do so can result in administrative and/or civil penalties and the loss of my license. I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**Experience Validation by Owner or System Representative::**

(If this section is not completed any experience described above can not be considered for experience credit.)

The above named license applicant has provided an accurate and complete description of their experience to the best of my knowledge as the **Owner, Manager, or Operator in Responsible Charge** of the water system named on page 1 of this application. If there is experience described above for another water system or other related experience, I have no knowledge why this experience should not be evaluated for credit.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_