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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The **Administrative History** following each Rule gives the date on which the Rule was originally filed and its effective date, as well as the date on which any amendment or repeal was filed and its effective date. Principal abbreviations used in the Administrative History are as follows:

f. - filed

eff. - effective

R. - Rule (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

Ch. - Chapter (Abbreviated only at the beginning of the control number)

ER. - Emergency Rule

Rev. - Revised

Note: Emergency Rules are listed in each Rule's Administrative History by Emergency Rule number, date filed and effective date. The Emergency Rule will be in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule is adopted, as specified by the Agency.

Chapters 750-1 entitled "Organization", 750-2 entitled "General", 750-3 entitled "Plant Classifications", 750-4 entitled "Operator Classification and Requirements", 750-5 entitled "Examinations and Applications", 750-6 entitled "Certification by Transfer from Georgia Water and Pollution Control Association", 750-7 entitled "Certification by Reason of Employment on Effective Date of Act", 750-8 entitled "Certification by Reciprocity" have been adopted. Filed October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.

Rules 750-7-.03 and .05 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Filed May 15, 1972; effective June 4, 1972.

Rule 750-5-.01 has been amended. Filed November 22, 1972; effective December 12, 1972.

Rules 750-1-.04, 750-3-.01, 750-4-.01, .02, .03, 750-5-.01, .02 have been amended. Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.

Rules 750-1-.01, .04, 750-3-.04, 750-4-.01, .02, .03, .04, 750-5-.01, 750-6-.02, and 750-7-.03 have been amended. Rules 750-4-.05 and 750-9-.02 have been repealed. Filed February 9, 2000; effective February 29, 2000.

Rules 750-1-.01, .04, 750-6-.04, 750-7-.02 have been repealed and new Rules adopted. Rules 750-2-.01, 750-3-.04, 750-4-.04, 750-6-.05 have been amended. Rule 750-7-.03 has been repealed. Filed January 11, 2001; effective January 31, 2001.

Rule 750-7-.02 has been amended. Filed April 1, 2002; effective April 21, 2002.

Rules 750-6-.02 and .03 have been amended. Rule 750-6-.04 have been repealed and a new Rule adopted. Filed June 16, 2005; effective July 6, 2005.

Rule 750-3-.04 amended. F. Jan. 25, 2012; eff. Feb. 14, 2012.

Rules 750-6-.02, .03, .04 amended. F. Feb. 22, 2012; eff. Mar. 13, 2012.

Rules 750-3-.04, 750-6-.02 amended. F. Mar. 19, 2015; eff. Apr. 8, 2015.

Rule 750-4-.06 adopted. F. Oct. 5, 2017; eff. Oct. 25, 2017.

Rules 750-1-.04, .06, 750-2-.01, 750-8-.01, 750-9-.01, 750-10-.01 and Chapter 750-7 amended. F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.

Rules 750-3-.01, .02, .04, 750-4-.01 through .03, 750-5-.01, 750-6-.02 through .04 amended, Rules 750-4-.04, 750-6-.01, .05 repealed. Chapter 750-4 and 750-6 title changed to "Applications" and "Expiration, Renewal, and Continuing Education", respectively. F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rules 750-2-.01, 750-6-.04 amended. F. Mar. 10, 2021; eff. Mar. 30, 2021.

Rules 750-3-.03, .04, 750-5-.01, 750-6-.02, .04, 750-7-.01, .02 amended. F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Note: Rule 750-4-.02, correction of Administrative error in Rule History only, "**Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000." corrected to **"Amended:** Rule retitled "Applications for Certificate." F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.", as published in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, February 2000. Effective July 29, 2025.

Rule 750-3-.04 amended. F. July 9, 2025; eff. July 29, 2025.

Rules 750-4-.01, .02 amended. F. July 9, 2025; eff. July 29, 2025.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. dept. 750, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 750-1. ORGANIZATION.

Rule 750-1-.01. Organization.

All rules and regulations pertaining to the Administration of the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts shall be administered by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of Secretary of State.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.01
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 275, 277; 1975; pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-1-1, 43-51-4.
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980, effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1991.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

Rule 750-1-.02. Composition of Board.

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Governor.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 274, 277: 1975, pp. 1074, 1075; 1980, pp. 63, 64; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-3, 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1902.
Amended: Rule retitled "Composition of Board." F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.

Rule 750-1-.03. Officers.

The officers of the Board shall be Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who shall be elected from among the members and shall take office on July 1 of each year.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 274, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1075; 1980, pp. 63, 64; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-3, 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Officers" was filed on October 8, 1971: effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-1-.04. Meetings.

The Board shall meet at least two times a year to carry out regular business. The chairperson or the Professional Licensing Board's Division Director may call special meetings. Notice of the meeting shall be given to all members at least ten days prior to date of the meeting. Parliamentary procedure shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-1, 43-51-3, 43-1-2, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Meetings" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Feb 9, 2000; eff. February 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.

Rule 750-1-.05. Quorum.

A majority of the appointed members of a state examining board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.05
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2(h), 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Quorum" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-1-.06. Classification of Public Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

The Division shall classify all public water treatment systems and wastewater treatment systems.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-1-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Classification of Public Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Plants" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.

Chapter 750-2. DEFINITIONS.

Rule 750-2-.01. Definitions.

The following words or phrases as used in these Rules shall, unless a different meaning is required by context, have the following meaning:

(a) "Act" means the certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts Act, approved April 8, 1969, and as hereafter may be amended.

(b) "Board" or "Board of Examiners" means the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.

(c) "Certificate" or "Certification" means a document issued by the Board stating that the operator or laboratory analyst has met the requirements for the specified classification of the certification program.

(d) "Course(s)" means educational curriculum as approved by the Board.

(e) "Division" means the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(f) "Laboratory analyst" means any person who performs a laboratory test in conjunction with the operation of a public water system or wastewater treatment plant.

(g) "Laboratory test" means any test performed in conjunction with the operation of a public water supply or wastewater treatment plant that is required for regulatory reporting purposes excluding dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorine residual, turbidity, temperature and specific conductance. Tests performed in a commercial environmental laboratory approved under the Division's "Rules for Commercial Environmental Laboratories" are also excluded.

(h) "Operational/analytical topics" means topics of instruction that directly relate to the performance of the duties of a water operator, wastewater operator, distribution operator, collection system operator, or laboratory analyst.

(i) "Operator" means any person who performs operation duties, as defined by the Board, at wastewater treatment systems, wastewater collection systems, water distribution systems, public water systems, or water treatment systems.

(j) "Operator in responsible charge" means any operator who has direct general charge of the day-to-day field operation of a wastewater treatment system, wastewater collection system, water distribution system, or public water system, and who is responsible for the quality of the treated water or wastewater effluent.

(k) "Operation duties":

1. for a wastewater treatment system and for a water treatment system means day-to-day process control decisions which may affect the treatment and, therefore, quality of the treated water and/or wastewater effluent; and

2. for a wastewater collection system or water distribution system means the on site supervision of the cleaning, maintaining, and repairing of the system.

(l) "Points" means continuing education credits required by the Board for certificate renewal. The number of points awarded by the Board for a course or conference may or may not be the same as the number of contact hours in the course or conference.

(m) "Process Control decisions" means decisions which may affect the treatment and, therefore, quality of the treated water and/or wastewater effluent.

(n) "Public water supply system" means the system of pipes, structures, and facilities through which water is obtained and treated, to be offered to the public for household use or for any other public consumption.

(o) "Supervision" means accountability for the work of the person being supervised.

(p) "System" means all integral unit operations and processes, including conduits, appurtenances, machine, control elements and laboratory functions.

(q) "Trainee" means an individual engaged in a training period. A trainee is not required to hold a certificate and may not perform operation duties or perform laboratory test, unless under the direct supervision of a certified operator or a certified laboratory analyst.

(r) "Training period" means a period of time during which a trainee is learning operator or laboratory analyst duties under the direction of a certified operator or laboratory analyst.

(s) "Wastewater collection system" means the system of sanitary sewers, pipes, manholes, pumps, and other such apparatus used to convey sewage to wastewater treatment plants.

(t) "Wastewater treatment" means any biological, physical/chemical, or settling processes which remove pollutants from industrial or domestic wastewaters prior to discharge to a stream, sewer or land. It includes only those processes permitted by the Division or an approved local government under the Georgia Water Quality Control Act or its successor. It excludes those processes that consist solely of one or more of the following: screening, pH adjustment, sedimentation processes without mechanical solids removal, septic tanks, grease traps or oil-water separators, unless specifically required in a permit.

(u) "Wastewater treatment plant" means the facilities provided for the treatment and disposal of wastewater, including industrial process wastewater, as classified by the Division.

(v) "Wastewater treatment system" means the combination of a wastewater collection system and a wastewater treatment plant.

(w) "Water distribution system" means the system of pipes, pumps, valves, and other such apparatus used to distribute water to the public.

(x) "Water treatment plant" means the portion of the water supply system which in some way alters the physical, chemical, or bacteriological quality of the water as classified by the Division and as defined in the Act.

(y) "Water treatment system" means a public water supply system as classified by the Division and as defined in the Act.

(z) "Webinar" means a live online educational presentation that is instructor led with student interaction, where student participation is monitored and verified.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-1-4, 43-1-25.
History. Original Rule entitled "Definitions" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Repealed: New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Repealed: New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Sept 20, 1993; eff. October 10, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-2-0.1-.01 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Amended: F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.
Amended: F. Mar. 10, 2021; eff. Mar. 30, 2021.

Rule 750-2-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-2-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 275, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Abbreviations" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Chapter 750-3. CLASSIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Rule 750-3-.01. Mandatory Certification.

(1) Public Water Supply System Operators and Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators must be certified; however, each industrial wastewater treatment or pretreatment facility shall be required to have only one operator in responsible charge obtain such a certification; and

(2) Water Distribution System and Wastewater Collection System Operators must be certified; however, each industrial wastewater collection system or distribution system shall be required to have only one operator in responsible charge obtain such a certification; and

(3) Water and Wastewater Laboratory Analysts must be certified; however, any industrial wastewater or pretreatment plant shall be required to have only one responsible analyst obtain such certification, and other analysts in that facility shall be supervised by that person.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certification Criteria" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Classification" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Filed March 20, 1984; effective April 9, 1984.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Mandatory Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: f. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-3-.02. Operator in Responsible Charge.

The operator who is in responsible charge of a public water supply system or wastewater treatment system shall hold a certificate of a class equal to or higher than the class of the plant or system that the operator is currently operating.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Requirements for Operator and Laboratory Analyst Certification" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 19, 1993; effective October 9, 1983.
Amended: Filed March 4, 1987; effective March 24, 1987.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Amended: F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Operator in Responsible Charge" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-3-0.2-.02 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-3-.03. Classifications.

Operator and Laboratory Analysts shall be certified as follows:

(a) Public Water Supply System Operator: Class I, II, III, IIIG, or IV;

(b) Water Distribution System Operator;

(c) Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator. Class I, II, III or IV;

(d) Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator;

(e) Wastewater Collection System Operator;

(f) Water Laboratory Analyst;

(g) Wastewater Laboratory Analyst.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certificates" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Filed May 5, 1981; effective May 25, 1981.
Amended: Filed May 28, 1982; effective June 17, 1982.
Amended: Filed December 10, 1982; effective December 30, 1982.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 19, 1983; effective October 9, 1983.
Amended: Filed October 24, 1983; effective November 13, 1983.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed May 1, 1985; effective May 21, 1985.

Amended: Filed April 3, 1986, effective April 23, 1986.
Amended: Filed May 1, 1987; effective May 21, 1987.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-3-0.2-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.
Amended: Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-3-.04. Requirements.

For certification in a particular class or category, an applicant must meet the following:

(a) Education. Applicants must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate and must provide proof of education when submitting the application for certification to the Board.

(b) Course(s). Applicants must have completed Board-approved course(s) prior to being made eligible to sit for the examination and must provide proof of such when submitting their application for certification to the Board, unless otherwise noted in this rule. The Board may evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, post-secondary education to determine satisfaction of the course requirements. The course requirements are as follows:

1. Public Water Supply System Operator

   Class IV - 6-hour basic water operator course

   Class III - 40-hour basic water operator course

   Class IIIG - 40-hour basic groundwater operator course

   Class II - 48 hours of advanced water operator courses

   Class I - No additional courses

2. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator

   Class IV - 6-hour basic waste stabilization pond operator course

   Class III - 40-hour basic wastewater operator course

   Class II - 48 hours of advanced wastewater operator courses

Class I - No additional courses

3. Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator - 27-hour industrial wastewater operator course

4. Water Laboratory Analyst - 27-hour basic water laboratory course or, a minimum of an Associate Degree in Biology or Chemistry, or, at the Board's discretion, other degrees containing sufficient courses in biology or chemistry

5. Wastewater Laboratory Analyst - 27-hour basic wastewater laboratory course or, a minimum of an Associate Degree in Biology or Chemistry, or, at the Board's discretion, other degrees containing sufficient courses in biology or chemistry.

6. Water Distribution System Operator - 27-hour water distribution course

7. Wastewater Collection System Operator - 27-hour wastewater collection course

(c) Experience. Required experience for certification is dependent upon the applicant's education, as follows:

1. Public Water Supply System Operator or Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator

(i) High School Diploma, GED

Class IV - 1 month of experience; Class III - 3 months of experience;

Class IIIG - 3 months of experience; Class II - 24 months of experience;

Class I - 36 months of experience

(ii) Accredited Associate Degree in Biology, Chemistry, or, at the Board's discretion, other degrees containing sufficient courses in biology or chemistry

Class IV - 1 month of experience; Class III - 3 months of experience;

Class IIIG - 3 months of experience; Class II - 18 months of experience;

Class I - 30 months of experience

(iii) Accredited Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, Chemistry, or, at the Board's discretion, other degrees containing sufficient courses in biology or chemistry

Class IV - 1 month of experience; Class III - 3 months of experience;

Class IIIG - 3 months of experience; Class II - 12 months of experience;

Class I - 24 months of experience

2. Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator or Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst or Wastewater Collection System Operator or Water Distribution System Operator

   (i) High School Diploma, GED, Accredited Associate Degree in Biology, Chemistry, or, at the Board's discretion, Accredited Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, Chemistry, or other degrees containing sufficient courses in biology or chemistry - 3 months experience required

(d) Examination.

1. An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certification.

2. Applicants must apply for a certification to be made eligible to sit for the certification examination.

3. A designated agent of the Board may administer the examinations. Examination shall be offered at least six (6) times annually.

4. The Board, through its designated agent, will provide reasonable accommodations to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be in writing to the designated agent of the Board prior to the application deadline, along with appropriate documents, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

(e) Current Certification. Applicants must hold the following certificates before taking an examination for the next level of certification:

1. Public Water Supply System Operator

   (i) No previous certification needed to take examination for Class IV

   (ii) No previous certification needed to take examination for Class III or IIIG

   (iii) Must hold Class III or Class IIIG prior to taking examination for Class II

   (iv) Must hold Class II prior to taking examination for Class I

2. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator
   (i) No previous certification needed to take examination for Class IV
   (ii) No previous certification needed to take examination for Class III
   (iii) Must hold Class III prior to taking examination for Class II
   (iv) Must hold Class II prior to taking examination for Class I
3. Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator or Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst or Wastewater Collection System Operator or Water Distribution System Operator
   (i) No previous certification needed to take examination

(f) Applicants for the following certifications may take the examination before the experience requirement is met, but shall not apply for the certifications until completing the requisite experience in the actual system operation:
1. Public Water Supply System Operator Class IV;
2. Public Water Supply System Operator Class III or IIIG;
3. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class IV;
4. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class III;
5. Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator;
6. Water Laboratory Analyst;
7. Wastewater Laboratory Analyst;
8. Water Distribution System Operator;
9. Wastewater Collection System Operator.

(g) Applicants for the following certifications must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to being made eligible to sit for the certification examination:
1. Public Water Supply System Operator Class II;
2. Public Water Supply System Operator Class I;
3. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class II;

4. Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator Class I.

(h) For those applicants who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, the Board may consider other factors, including post-secondary education and other training and experience, to determine satisfaction of the experience requirements.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Revocation and Suspension of Certificates" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal" adopted. F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988.
Amended: Rule retitled "Renewal of a Class I Certificate." F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Requirements" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Amended: F. Dec. 28, 1993; eff. Jan. 17, 1994.
Amended: ER 750-3-0.2-.04 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter is adopted, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. August 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Amended: F. January 25, 2012; eff. February 14, 2012.
Amended: F. Mar. 19, 2015; eff. Apr. 8, 2015.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.
Amended: F. July 9, 2025; eff. July 29, 2025.

Rule 750-3-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of a Class II Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.06. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of a Class III Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.07. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of all Water Distribution System Operator Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.08. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of All Wastewater Collection System Operator Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.09. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.09
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of All Water Laboratory Analyst Certificates and All Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.10. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.10
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Renewal of More Than One Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.11. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.11
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Continuing Education Providers" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-3-.12. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-3-.12
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6.
History. Original Rule entitled "Documentation" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Chapter 750-4. APPLICATIONS.

Rule 750-4-.01. Examination.

Successful completion of Basic and Advanced courses taught by Board-approved education providers are required in order for applicants to be made eligible to sit for certification examinations, unless otherwise noted in these rules.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 53-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Operator Classification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Amended: F. Dec. 29, 1989; eff. Jan. 18, 1990.
Amended: F. Sept. 17, 1990; eff. Oct. 7, 1990.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993, eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act" adopted. F. Sept. 2, 1994; eff. Sept. 22, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: New title "Examination." F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Amended: F. July 9, 2025; eff. July 29, 2025.

Rule 750-4-.02. Application for Certificate.

A qualified applicant may apply for a certification by submission to the Board of a completed application and non-refundable application fee.

No application for certification will be considered by the board for approval, and applicants cannot be made eligible to sit for certification examinations, without documented evidence that all of the following certification requirements have been met:

(a) completion of the required experience, in accordance with Board Rule 750-3-.04(c);

(b) documentation of education, in accordance with Board Rule 750-3-.04(a);

(c) completion of the required course(s), in accordance with Board Rule 750-3-.04(b).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 53-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Requirements for Operator Certification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.

Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rude of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Filed January 8, 1979; effective January 28, 1979.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Application" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980, effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Filed October 9, 1981; effective October 29, 1981.
Amended: Filed December 10, 1982; effective December 30, 1982.
Amended: Filed March 20, 1984; effective April 9, 1984.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.
Amended: Filed April 3, 1986, effective April 23, 1986.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Amended: F. Mar. 9, 1990; eff. Mar. 29, 1990.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-4-0.3-.02 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994 as specified by the agency to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: Rule retitled "Applications for Certificate." F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Note: Correction of Administrative error in Rule History only,"**Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000." corrected to **"Amended:** Rule retitled "Applications for Certificate." F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.", as published in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, February 2000. Effective July 29, 2025.
Amended: F. July 9, 2025; eff. July 29, 2025.

Rule 750-4-.03. Certification by Endorsement.

(1) The Board may, upon application, issue a certificate without examination to any person who holds a certificate in good standing issued by another country or by any state, territory, or possession of the United States when the following criteria are fulfilled:

(a) the country, state, territory, or possession of the United States has, in the opinion of the Board, requirements substantially similar to those of the Board;

(b) the applicant submits an application for certification by endorsement on a Board-approved form;

(c) a verification of certification completed by the country, province, state, territory, or possession of the United States is submitted to the Board specifying that the applicant has a current certification and is in good standing;

(d) the applicant holds at a minimum a high school diploma or GED certificate and provides proof of such when submitting an application to the Board;

(e) the applicant submits the appropriate non-refundable application fee. (refer to Fee Schedule.)

(2) If an applicant cannot satisfy the standards above, the applicant may apply for certification under Rule 750-3-.04.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certificate" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Flied August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: A new Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Change in Status" adopted. Filed May 1, 1987; effective May 21, 1987.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Failure of Examination" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Repealed: New Rule, entitled "Lateral Entry" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-4-0.3-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Certification by Endorsement" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-4-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Revocation and Suspension of Certificate" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Change in Status" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Repealed: New Rule, entitled "Failure of Examinations" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-4-0.3-.04 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 13, 1994.
Amended: F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Repealed: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-4-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7.
History. Original Rule entitled "Failure of Examinations" adopted as ER. 750-4-0.3-.05. F. June 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter is adopted, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994.
Amended: F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Repealed: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

Rule 750-4-.06. Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members.

(1) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

a. "Board" means the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.

b. "License" means any license issued by the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.

c. "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

d. "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

e. "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

f. "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the law and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-4-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25; 43-1-34; 43-51-5; 43-51-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members" adopted. F. Oct. 5, 2017; eff. Oct. 25, 2017.

Chapter 750-5. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHOUT FURTHER CERTIFICATION.

Rule 750-5-.01. Operational Activities Without Further Certification.

(1) Certified Class I, II, or III Public Water Supply System Operators may operate water distribution systems without further certification.

(2) Certified Class IIIG Public Water Supply System Operators may operate water distribution systems that are exclusively supplied by groundwater without further certification.

(3) Certified Class I, II or III Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate wastewater collection systems without further certification.

(4) Certified Class I, II or III Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate industrial wastewater treatment plants without further certification.

(5) Certified Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate industrial wastewater treatment plants and/or collection systems tributary to their plant.

(6) Certified Class I or II Public Water Supply System Operators may perform the duties of a water laboratory analyst. Certified Class I or II Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators may perform the duties of a wastewater laboratory analyst in conducting certain tests for reporting purposes as defined by the Board without further certification.

(7) Certified Class IV Very Small Water System Operators may operate only very small public water supply systems and their distribution systems.

(8) Certified Class IV Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate only Class IV Wastewater Treatment Systems and their collection systems, as defined by the Division.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-5-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examinations" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Filed November 22, 1972; effective December 12, 1972.
Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Application" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 5, 1983; effective July 25, 1983.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Operational Activities without Further Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-5-0.4-.01 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994 as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding

this ER.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-5-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-5-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Applications" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule amended and title changed to "Application" Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Rule 750-5-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-5-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; 1980, pp. 304, 307.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certification Proof" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.

Rule 750-5-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-5-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; 1980, pp. 304, 307.
History. Original Rule entitled "Reciprocity Privileges" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.

Chapter 750-6. EXPIRATION, RENEWAL, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Rule 750-6-.01. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-6-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Survey" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980.
Repealed: F. Sept. 10, 1982; eff. Sept. 30, 1982.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" adopted. F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Expiration Date" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-6-.02. Expiration and Renewal of a Certificate.

(1) Certificates expire on June 30 of odd-numbered years and must be renewed every two (2) years.

(2) Applicants approved for initial certification are exempt from continuing education requirements for their first renewal period.

(3) Renewal of a certificate must be accompanied by a renewal application, fee (see Fee Schedule), and attestation of Board-approved continuing education ("CE") points completed since the last renewal period. The required number of points for each renewal certification is as follows:

CURRENT CERTIFICATION / REQUIRED CE POINTS / SPECIFICATIONS

Class I Operator Water & Wastewater / 24 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Class II Operator Water & Wastewater / 18 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Industrial Wastewater Operator / 18 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Laboratory Analyst Water & Wastewater / 18 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Class III Operator Water & Wastewater / 12 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or for both.

Class IIIG Water Operator / 12 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water.

Water Distribution System Operator / 12 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Wastewater Collection System Operator / 12 CE Points / At least 50% of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

Class IV Operator Water & Wastewater / 6 CE Points / All of the points must be in course(s) approved for Water, Wastewater, or both.

(4) Points must be earned from a Board-approved continuing education course. The same course shall not count more than once during a renewal period in meeting the total points required for certificate renewal.

(5) Certificates may be renewed during the late renewal period between July 1 and July 31 of odd-numbered years with submission of a renewal application, renewal fee, and penalty fee as noted on the Fee Schedule. Continuing education points acquired to renew that certificate during the penalty period may not be used again during the next renewal cycle.

(6) Proof of continuing education as required by Rule 750-6-.05(1) must be retained by the certificate holder for three (3) years and shall be submitted to the Board upon request.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-6-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Investigation" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980.
Repealed: F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Renewal of a Certificate" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Amended: ER. 750-6-0.5-.02 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. August 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Amended: Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.
Amended: F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.
Amended: F. Feb. 22, 2012; eff. Mar. 13, 2012.
Amended: F. Mar. 19, 2015; eff. Apr. 8, 2015.
Amended: New title "Expiration and Renewal of a Certificate." F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-6-.03. Renewal of More Than One Certificate.

(1) An operator may maintain current certification in only one class of a category. When a person receives a higher class certificate, their lower class certificate shall be rendered void.

(2) An operator or analyst who holds more than one certificate must submit the following:

(a) Renewal application for each certificate;

(b) renewal fee for each certificate; and

(c) attestation of completion of the required continuing education points for the highest level of currently held certificate (i.e., 24, 18, 12, or 6). Refer to Rule 750-6-.02 for the number of points required to renew a certificate

1. Course(s) which are approved for a specified number of recertification points and are required for eligibility to sit for an examination may be used for renewal of a currently held certificate.

2. Operators who hold dual certificates (i.e., a water certificate and a wastewater certificate) are required to obtain continuing education points in each discipline. Such operator must obtain a minimum of 25% of the required continuing education points in each discipline to satisfy renewal requirements.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-6-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10, 43-51-6(d).
History. Original Rule entitled "Validity of Voluntary Certificate" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Orders, Hearings, Civil Actions, Appeals" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Renewal of More Than One Certificate" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993.
Amended: F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.
Amended: F. Feb. 22, 2012; eff. Mar. 13, 2012.
Amended: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Rule 750-6-.04. Education Providers, Courses, and Points.

(1) The Board shall maintain a list of currently approved course providers in accordance with eligibility criteria published by the Board. Course providers must be approved by the Board or its designee in order for applicants to receive credit. The Board may also elect to approve individual courses. A request by a course provider for approval must be submitted on a form that may be obtained from the Board and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and supporting documents as required by the Board (See Fee Schedule). Effective July 1, 2013, course providers shall agree to provide rosters in electronic format of all attendees for all courses approved by the Board. The Professional Licensing Boards Division shall provide the electronic format for use in submitting rosters. All course approvals shall expire on or before January 31 of even-numbered years.

(2) Providers of Basic and Advanced courses must teach such courses in a traditional classroom setting or by Webinar, as defined in Rule 750-2-.01. These courses are required for applicants to be eligible to sit for a certification examination.

(3) Education Providers desiring Board consideration for approval must submit to the Board a completed Registration Form and required information to the Board; and

(4) The Board may conduct an audit of Education Providers and education courses to ensure compliance.

(5) The Board may require Education Providers to submit an electronic roster of attendees for all courses approved by the Board.

(6) Continuing Education Courses.

Approved education courses expire January 31 of even numbered years. The Board may approve continuing education courses for Management Safety, Water, Wastewater, or both Water and Wastewater, which are offered in person, online, through correspondence courses, and Webinars and webcasts subject to the following:

(a) Submission of completed application and appropriate fee; and

(b) documentation of topic(s) to be taught, indicating hours of instruction for each topic; and

(c) credentials of the educators/presenters involved; and

(d) name of the moderator documenting on-site attendance/registration.

(e) Only operational or regulatory topics will be approved for Webinars or webcasts.

(f) Certificates of completion must be presented to attendees who complete the Webinars or webcast.

(7) Determination of Continuing Education Points.

(a) Points shall be awarded in whole numbers. No partial points shall be awarded for courses that total less than whole hours.

(b) Traditional classroom courses and Webinars on operational, analytical, safety and management topics shall be granted one point per contact hour up to a maximum of 6 points per day and 12 points per event.

(c) Online courses on operational, analytical, safety, and management topics shall be granted one-half point per contact hour up to a maximum of 6 points, unless the course is a Webinar, or unless the course provider demonstrates greater credit is justified through beta testing results, or unless the course provider is IACET (International Association for Continuing Education and Training) approved.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-6-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1.

History. Original Rule entitled "Operator Certification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. F. November 19, 1980; eff. December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Basic, Advanced and Continuing Education Courses" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 22, 2012; eff. Mar. 13, 2012.
Amended: New title "Education Providers, Courses, and Points." F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.
Amended: F. Mar. 10, 2021; eff. Mar. 30, 2021.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-6-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-6-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Documentation of Continuing Education" adopted F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.
Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Repealed: F. Jan. 14, 2021; eff. Feb. 3, 2021.

Chapter 750-7. REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT FOR FAILURE TO RENEW.

Rule 750-7-.01. Revocation for Failure to Renew.

Failure to renew a certificate by August 1 of renewal year shall have the same effect as revocation of the certificate and reinstatement is required.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-7-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1.
History. Original Rule entitled "Applications" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and Rule 750-10-.01 entitled "Procedural Rules" renumbered as 750-7-.01. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-7-.02. Reinstatement.

(1) Certificates that have been lapsed for less than 2 years may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board as follows:

(a) Submission of a reinstatement application and reinstatement fee (see Fee Schedule); and

(b) evidence of the completion, since the last renewal, of the total number of continuing education points which would have been required if the certificate had been maintained in a current status.

(2) Certificates that have been lapsed for over 2 years may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board when the applicant has submitted a reinstatement application and reinstatement fee and met the following criteria:

(a) Retaken and passed the examination for the certificate requesting to be reinstated; or

(b) submitted a verified certificate in good standing issued by another country, or by any state, territory, or possession of the United States which has requirements for certification substantially similar to the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-7-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971.
Repealed: F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement Within Two Years of Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER. 750-7-0.6-.02 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. August 16, 1994.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement" adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.
Amended: F. Apr. 1, 2002; eff. Apr. 21, 2002.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.
Amended: F. Nov. 4, 2022; eff. Nov. 24, 2022.

Rule 750-7-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-7-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certification by Governing Body" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed May 15, 1972; effective June 4, 1972.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement After Two Years of Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.
Amended: ER 750-7-0.6-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994 as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER.
Amended: Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.
Amended: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

Repealed: F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

Rule 750-7-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-7-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certification Restricted" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Rule 750-7-.05. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-7-.05
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Classification of certificates" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed May 15, 1972; effective June 4, 1972.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Chapter 750-8. CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS.

Rule 750-8-.01. Change of Name or Address.

(1) Change of Name. The holder of a certificate shall notify the Board office, in writing within 30 days of a change in their name and must accompany such notice with a certified copy of the marriage certificate, court order, or other documentation of a legal name change.

(2) Change of Address. The holder of a certificate shall notify the Board office, in writing within 30 days of a change in their mailing address.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-8-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Application" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Amended: Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Change of Name or Address" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.

Rule 750-8-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-8-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp, 272, 276, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Examination" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Rule 750-8-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-8-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Certification Proof" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: . Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Rule 750-8-.04. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-8-.04
Authority: Ga. L. 1969. pp 272, 276, 277.
History. Original Rule entitled "Reciprocity Privileges" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

Chapter 750-9. FEES.

Rule 750-9-.01. Fees and Returned Checks.

(1) A schedule of fees, as established by the Board, shall be published on the Board's website. The schedule of fees may be amended periodically.

(2) An indebtedness to the Board caused by a returned check will be dealt with in accordance with Code Section 16-9-20 of the Criminal Code of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-9-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Survey" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.
Repealed: New rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: New title "Fees and Returned Checks." F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.

Rule 750-9-.02. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-9-.02
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077, 1078; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-3, 43-1-19(1); 43-1-25; 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Investigation" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement within Two Years of Revocation" adopted. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Refunds" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Sept 11, 1995; eff. October 1, 1995.
Repealed: F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

Rule 750-9-.03. Repealed.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-9-.03
Authority: Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19(1); 43-1-25; 43-51-5.
History. Original Rule entitled "Orders, Hearings, Civil Actions, Appeals" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement after Two Years of Revocation" adopted F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.
Repealed: F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

Chapter 750-10. DISCIPLINE.

Rule 750-10-.01. Disciplinary Procedures.

Disciplinary proceedings will be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, O.C.G.A. 43-1-19, and O.C.G.A. 43-51-9.

(a) The Board may revoke or suspend the certificate of an Operator or Laboratory Analyst, following a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of the Title 50, the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act."

(b) The Board may, upon its own motion or upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any Operator or Laboratory Analyst or anyone who shall assume to act in such capacity, if the Board has reason to believe a violation of the Laws and Rules regulating Water and Wastewater Plant Operators or Laboratory Analysts may have occurred. Complaints that the Board may investigate include that the Operator or Laboratory Analyst may have practiced fraud or deception; that reasonable care, judgment, or the application of his or her knowledge or ability was not used in performance of his or her duties; or that the Operator or Laboratory Analyst is incompetent or unable to perform his or her duties properly.

(c) The Board may impose any sanction authorized in O.C.G.A. 43-1-19.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 750-10-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1, 43-51-7, 43-51-8, 43-51-9, 43-51-10.
History. Original Rule entitled "Procedural Rules" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.
Amended: Rule amended and renumbered as 750-7-.01. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.
Repealed: New Rule entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.
Amended: F. Dec. 8, 2020; eff. Dec. 28, 2020.