

# BECOME A WATER OPERATOR



- A Water Operator is a person who manages the water quality and utility of a community or population.
- This is a stable, full-time career with great benefits.
- You can help protect your local water supply by becoming a Water Operator.
- There are many career advancement opportunities as the previous generation retires.

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
High School Diploma /GED	High School Diploma /GED	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
0-1 Year Experience	2-3 Years Experience	3-4 Years Experience	6+ Years Experience

To get started candidates must apply for and pass a NHDES-administered exam. The NHWWA offers several courses to prepare new operators for taking the certification exam.

For course info visit [nhwwa.org/events](http://nhwwa.org/events).

NHDES holds in-person Grade I-IV Operator exams in April, July, and October.

If you have any questions about the NH operator certification process, feel free to email us at [yp@nhwwa.org](mailto:yp@nhwwa.org).

## BENEFITS OF BEING A WATER OPERATOR:

- Water Operators are in high demand and have job security as an essential worker.
- Be an environmental steward.
- Work your way up with many career advancement opportunities.
- Work/life balance and the support of a union.
- Great benefits often include vacation, sick time, health insurance, pension, etc.
- Be connected through the supportive water works network.
- Salary range in NH: \$37,000 - \$99,000+

