

## PUBLIC DRINKING WATER - GREAT CAREERS FOR GREAT PEOPLE!

- Want a rewarding and stable career that helps people and protects the environment?
- Like to get started right out of high school, or begin a new or retirement career?
- Motivated to make a practical, positive and important difference?

### READ ON!

The public drinking water profession offers above-average compensation, interesting work, and colleagues committed to public health and service. Now is an excellent time to become part of this honorable and essential profession, because:



**We are Hiring!** With roughly 2,500 NH-regulated public water systems and 40% of certified Operators at or within 5 years of retirement, career opportunities abound.

**A Place for You.** All kinds of people and skills are needed to keep the water flowing. There are positions in treatment, distribution, mechanical, electrical, laboratory, finance, accounting, social media, policy, regulators, engineers, construction, and more.

**Education and Professional Growth.** With some practical experience and a positive attitude you can start your career without extensive and expensive education. New Hampshire's Operator-in-Training path allows skill development while building classroom knowledge, bringing you in to the profession within a year, where a culture of internal advancement and education moves you up the ladder.

**Job Mobility.** We all need clean water. This means water worker skills are transferable, allowing you flexibility and freedom about where you choose to live as your career and personal life progress.

**Stable and Stimulating.** Drinking water is essential to our public health and economic wellbeing. The sector is recession proof, with wages and benefits (health, retirement, education, vacation and personal time) typically better than similar professions. Delivering high-quality water 24/7 means there is always something to stimulate a water worker.

**THE BOTTOM LINE.** With advancing technology, challenges such as climate change and emerging contaminants, and an influx of federal funding for public water, we anticipate years of opportunities for all types of workers. It takes commitment and talent to address the new "environmental movement" for clean, sustainable, and affordable public drinking water – check out these NHHWA resources to get started!

[New Hampshire drinking water Operator certification requirements](#)

[Professional certification – training and events](#)

[Current jobs](#)

[NHHWA Young Professionals](#) to talk to a peer about how they got started in the water industry.

[NHHWA](#) if curious about our work and how you can support New Hampshire's public drinking water people!

