

Supplementary Guidance for Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Certification of Municipal and Domestic Wastewater Facility Operators

Supplementary to Rule 3.4, A., (7) (Operator Qualifications for Certification):

For the purposes of determining the substitution of education in lieu of experience for Board-approved courses, 128 hours of course contact hours will be equivalent to one (1) year of experience.

“Four (4) weeks of Department or Association sponsored classroom instruction” will be considered to have been accrued when the applicant has completed 128 hours of MDEQ sponsored classroom instruction delivered by an MDEQ instructor.

Semester hours for the calculation of years of college credit in lieu of experience will be approved at the Board’s discretion for courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Any courses or instruction used by an applicant for education in lieu of experience cannot be counted as Continuing Education hours.

Supplementary to Rule 3.6, C. (Continuing Education):

Online courses applicable to the operation and management of wastewater treatment facilities that are offered by the EPA or other Federal agencies will be approved for MDEQ sponsored continuing education hours at the discretion of the Board.

Online courses applicable to the operation and management of wastewater treatment facilities that are offered by professional organizations such as the Water Environment Federation, or by Board approved education providers such as the Sacramento State Office of Water Programs will be approved for continuing education hours according to their provided contact hours at the discretion of the Board.