

WATER TREATMENT SPECIALIST LICENSING

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) promulgated new and revised rules on September 27, 2007, which affect many licensing programs. Please review the URL below to become acquainted with the newly adopted Chapter 30 rules for **Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 30, Subchapter H: Water Treatment Specialists, Rules 30.261 – 30.279.**

In accordance with state law, **Texas Water Code Chapter 37**, and **Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1904.052**, any individual who installs and services fixed or portable equipment in public or private systems in the State of Texas for the analysis and treatment of potable water to alter or purify the water or to add or remove a mineral, chemical, or bacterial content must be a Licensed Water Treatment Specialist.

Water Treatment Specialist License Information							
Water Treatment Specialist License Type & Level	Validity Period	Application Fee	Education for Renewal	Experience Required	Training Credit	Exam Required	Continuing Education for Renewal
Class I Water Treatment Specialist	3 Years	\$111	None	None	None	Yes	12 Hours
Class II Water Treatment Specialist	3 Years	\$111	Less than High School Diploma	3 Years	Basic Water Conditioning Course	Yes	12 Hours
			High School diploma or GED	2 Years			
			1 Year of College	1 Year			
Class III Water Treatment Specialist	3 Years	\$111	High School Diploma or GED	1 to 3 years depending upon the amount and type or education or training completed	Basic Water Conditioning Course and the Advanced Water Conditioning Course	Yes	12 Hours
			2 years of College				
			Bachelor's Degree*				

*Only college degrees in an engineering discipline eligible for registration as a professional engineer in Texas. Degrees with a major in chemistry, biology, bacteriology, or an approved similar discipline are acceptable on a case by case basis.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IS IT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THE MATERIALS REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE AND EXAM.

MATERIALS NEEDED: A CALCULATOR, A PEN, A #2 PENCIL FOR THE EXAM, AND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO TCEQ FOR THE EXAM.

WATER TREATMENT SPECIALIST LICENSE DEFINITIONS

WTS CLASS 1

Individuals who have been issued this license must work under the supervision of an individual holding a higher class license, a local plumbing inspector, or a health official that has jurisdiction where the work is performed. An individual holding a Class 1 license is restricted to the following work activities:

1. Exchange and regeneration of portable tanks;
2. Regeneration of nonportable tanks; or
3. Other tasks which may be assigned by the supervisor and for which direct supervision is provided

WTS CLASS 2

Individuals who have been issued this license:

1. shall have demonstrated a practical working knowledge of the mechanics and servicing principles of water conditioners;
2. are deemed able to perform water treatment installations, exchanges, services, or repairs of equipment;
3. are considered to be aware of the public health requirements connected with their activities; and
4. are excluded from working on reverse osmosis and deionization equipment unless the work is performed under the supervision of an individual holding a higher class license.

WTS CLASS 3

Individuals who have been issued this license meet minimum standards of qualifications established for the installation, exchange, servicing, and repair of water treatment equipment and appliances, including reverse osmosis and deionization equipment.

Exemptions.

(a) Individuals who are licensed under the Plumbing License Law (Texas Civil Statutes, Volume 17-1/2, Article 6243-101) are exempt from the requirements of this subchapter.

(b) Employees of industrial facilities who install or service water treatment equipment at their facilities are exempt from the requirements of this subchapter.

(c) Employees of public water systems installing water treatment equipment at their system who hold a Class C license or higher, are exempt from the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) Employees of registered operations companies installing water treatment equipment at the facilities for which the operations company has a contract to operate and who hold a Class C license or higher, are exempt from the requirements of this subchapter.