

State of Hawaii
Public Water System Operator Certification
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Reciprocity Requirements Questions

Q1. If I have a license from another State, can I become certified in Hawaii?

A. An applicant currently certified by another State may apply for certification by reciprocity in the grade in which the applicant is currently certified. The Board will review the application to determine if the State in which the applicant is currently certified has similar certification requirements as the State of Hawaii.

Q2. Will I have to take an examination to become certified by reciprocity in Hawaii?

A. If an applicant's application for certification by reciprocity is approved by the Board, no examination is required.

Q3. Where can I get a certification application for reciprocity?

A. The certification application is available to download on the Safe Drinking Water Branch website.
<http://health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/operatorcert/>

Q4. When are applications for reciprocity due?

A. Applications for certification by reciprocity may be submitted throughout the year. The Board will review it at the subsequent Board meeting.

Q5. How much does it cost to apply for certification by reciprocity?

A. The certification application fee for reciprocity is \$30 and the certificate fee is \$70.

Q6. When will I know if my reciprocity application has been approved or not?

A. The Board shall notify the applicant of its decision subsequent to the Board meeting review of the application.