

## CERTIFICATION RENEWAL STATUS

*For Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Bureau  
Certified Waterworks Operators*

Individuals writing and passing a certification examination are issued certificates on the basis of a 3-year renewal cycle. This applies regardless of the number of certificates already held. The expiration date of the certification is extended so that it coincides with the **expiration date** for the exam most recently passed.

Individuals renewing a certificate are issued certificates on a 3-year renewal cycle provided they have met the continuing education renewal requirement for the highest level of certification held and submitted the completed renewal application. A certificate will expire on one of the quarterly expiration dates, as shown below, regardless of the calendar year.

Persons with an expired certificate are eligible for employment at a waterworks system; however, they cannot serve as the “operator in charge” or “back-up operator” of a distribution system, a treatment system or a shift at a water treatment plant.

A certificate that has expired may be reinstated within 1-year from the expiration date of the certificate only when an individual has completed the necessary continuing education requirements as prorated from the certificate’s expiration date. **If a certificate is not reinstated within 1-year, the individual will no longer hold any drinking water certification and will be required to re-test for the desired certification.**

Quarterly <b><u>Expiration Dates</u></b> regardless of calendar year	January 15	April 15	July 15	October 15
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The following is a guide to help calculate the prorated CEC’s for the expired D, DR, F, FR and/or S, SR certifications held.

Certification Level Held	Renewal CEC’s needed	1 to 90 days expired	91 to 180 days expired	181 to 270 days expired	271 to 365 days expired
1, 2, or 3	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2
4	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
5	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2

For example, if an individual wrote and passed a fall 2005 exam, the issue date would be the day of the exam, 11/2/2005. Three years out would be in November 2008, but the closest future quarterly expiration date is January 15, 2009. If the individual did not meet the renewal CEC’s needed, the schedule above would apply. The days denoted in the table above are an approximation since the DEQ works with quarterly expiration dates only. **There is no flexibility in this policy. It is the certified operator’s responsibility to maintain a training history and be able to verify any training attended, and to submit a renewal application no sooner than 8 weeks prior to certification expiration.**

A renewal applicant who does not meet the continuing education requirements for the higher certification levels (1, 2 or 3) but meets the continuing education requirements for the level 4, may choose to renew at the 4 level and give up the higher certification level. The request to give up the higher level certification level and be renewed as a 4 level must be in writing.

Certified operators can check their CEC’s and certification status online at:  
<http://www.michigan.gov/deqoperatortraining>

Certified operators due to expire can generate a renewal application online 8 weeks or less prior to expiration by clicking on the link “Check Your Drinking Water CEC’s Online and Approved Courses” to open the Operator Training & Certification Information System (OTCIS) page. Use the navigation tools on the left side of the OTCIS page to search out operator information by last name or operator ID.

## Other Organizations Sponsoring or Conducting Michigan Advisory Board-Approved Training Courses:\*

AIS Construction Equipment Corp.; 517-321-8000  
Alexander Chemical Corporation; 219-393-5558  
American Flow Control; 616-292-1502  
American Groundwater Trust; 603-228-5444  
APWA-Michigan Chapter; 248-524-3390  
Argus Group/Enviroair Cons., Inc.; 800-873-0456  
BATCO; 517-531-4455  
Bay de Noc Comm. College; 906-786-5802, X 1110  
Camp, Dresser, & McKee; 517-702-1213  
CGS Incorporated; 248-477-6327  
Delisle Associates LTD.; 269-373-4500  
Delta Charter Township Utility Dept.; 517-323-8570  
Delta College; 989-686-9071  
Ductile Iron Pipe Research Assoc.; 219-464-4075  
East Jordan Iron Works; 616-538-2040  
Hydro-Designs, Inc.; 248-335-3122  
ISCO Industries LLC; 248-625-7577  
ITT Flygt Corporation; 262-544-1922 X 134  
Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc.; 248-349-0904  
L. Lee Stryker College-Kalamazoo, 269-337-7355  
Lake Superior State University; 906-635-2431  
Layne-Northern Company; 517-323-4931  
LBCC/NPS; 541-917-4628  
Macomb Community College; 586-498-4056  
MDEQ-Operator Training; 517-241-7199  
MDEQ-Type II Systems; 517-241-1362  
MDEQ-Water, Groundwater Section; 517-241-1355  
MI ABPA-Michigan Chapter; 248-335-3122- X214  
Mich. Plumbing & Mechanical Contr.; 517-484-5500  
Mich. Public Service Institute; CMU; 231-795-5536  
Michigan HazMat Training Center; 517-322-1853  
Michigan Municipal League; 734-669-6310  
Michigan Rural Water Association; 989-539-4111  
Michigan Section AWWA and MDEQ; 517-241-7199

Michigan State University; 800-356-5705  
Michigan Water Environment Assn.; 517- 641-7377  
Midwest Backflow Prevention; 313-532-1964  
Millcreek Management Tech.; 425-337-7062  
Minnesota Rural Water Assn.; 800-367-6792  
Mueller Company; 217-425-7208  
National Technology Transfer; 303-957-4378  
NES-Worksafe; 800-783-4626  
Oden Training; 248-623-3232  
Ottawa Co. Road Commission; 616-850-7218  
Page Glasgow & Associates LLC; 248-362-3600  
Peerless-Midwest; 616-527-0050  
PVS Technologies; 313-571-1100  
SMW & SUA; 248-625-8222  
Technical Learning College; 866-557-1746  
The Gorman-Rupp Company; 419-529-4042  
Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull; 313-963-0612  
Waterford Township; 248-618-7456  
Waterworks Systems & Equip.; 810-231-1200 X 11  
Wayne State University; 313-577-3807  
West Michigan Operators Assoc.; 616-669-5290  
Ypsilanti Comm. Utilities Authority; 734-484-4600  
Young's Environmental Cleanup, Inc.; 810-789-7155

### Approved Online Learning Organizations

<http://www.360water.com>

<http://www.awwa.org/learnonline>

<http://www.ceuplan.com>

### Expense Reimbursement Providers

<http://www.awwa.org/learnonline>

(click on the Michigan Students link)

Michigan Rural Water Association; 989-539-4111

Ronald J. Holben; 517-663-6530

Also approved are "water related" courses sponsored by *CEU User* members and *Certified Providers* of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) or the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET). To receive credit for IACET or ACCET drinking water related courses, provide a copy of the course certificate and agenda. **For a complete listing of all approved courses and providers on our website. <http://www.michigan.gov/operatortraining>**

*\*Credits awarded for these courses vary and it is likely that not every course offered by this organization has been approved. Contact respective organizations for date of next course offering and credit information. If you are unable to obtain training opportunities from any organization listed above, please notify Matt Tomlinson at 517-241-8913, or email [tomlinm@michigan.gov](mailto:tomlinm@michigan.gov).*