

**ABC Examination Equivalency Chart**  
**(Water Treatment, Distribution, Very Small Water System, Water Laboratory, BPAT )**

This chart provides a list of certification programs that are considered to be equivalent to ABC's standardized exams. The ABC classification scheme for each exam category starts with a Class I (lowest) to a Class IV (highest). Programs with equivalent exams are listed according to their classification system.

Operators/Analysts should use this chart only to determine if they can apply to ABC for certification without examination (i.e., reciprocity). To apply for certification through reciprocity, you must have passed a certification exam that is listed on the chart with a score of 70% or above and still hold an active certificate which you received when passing that exam. To qualify for certification you will also need to meet ABC's education and experience requirements. Operators/Analysts should **not** use this chart to determine if two other certification programs have equivalent exams. This chart can only be used to determine exam equivalency between ABC and another certification program. To determine if the exam you took to obtain your certification is equivalent to another certification program's exam, please contact the certification program directly to discuss their exam equivalency policies.

ABC	Association of Boards of Certification	Water Treatment				Distribution				VSWS	Water Lab			BPAT
		I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS	I	II	III	BPAT
AL	Alabama Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program		II	III	IV	I				VSWS				
AK	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
AB	Alberta Environment	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
AZ	Arizona Operator Certification Program	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					
AR	Arkansas Drinking Water Advisory and Operators Licensing Committee	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
AC	Atlantic Canada Water & Wastewater Voluntary Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
BC	British Columbia Environmental Operators Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
CA/NV	California/Nevada Section AWWA Certification Program					1	2	3	4		1	2	3	
CBWM	Caribbean Basin Water Management Programme, Inc	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS	I	II		
MP	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
CO	Colorado Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board	D	C	B	A	1	2	3	3	VSWS				
CT	Connecticut Department of Public Health - Drinking Water Division	I	II	III	IV	I	I	II	III	VSWS				
FL	Florida Operator Certification Program	D	C	B	A	4	3	2	1					
GA	Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators & Laboratory Analysts		III	II	I	D				WTIV	WL			
GA	Georgia Water & Pollution Control Association, Inc.													BPAT
NWT	Government of Northwest Territories	I	II			I				VSWS				
GU	Guam Environmental Protection Agency	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
HI	Hawaii Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
ID	Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				BPAT
ITCA	Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.	I	II	III		I	II	III			I			
IA	Iowa Operator Certification Program	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	A				
KS	Kansas Water Environment Association Voluntary Certification Program					I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	
KY	Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operator Association, Inc.										I	II	III	

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ME	Maine Board of Licensure of Water Treatment Plant Operators	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
MB	Manitoba Conservation	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
MD	Maryland State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators	2	2	3	4		DIST							
MA	Massachusetts Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
MS	Mississippi State Department of Health	D	C	B	A									
NESHTA	National Environmental, Safety & Health Training Association				INS									
NAWA	Native American Water Association, Inc.	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	
NV	Nevada Bureau of Safe Drinking Water	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					
NEWWA	New England Water Works Association													BPAT
NH	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
NJ	New Jersey Water Supply and Wastewater Operators Board of Examiners	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	VSWS				
NM	New Mexico Environmental Finance Center	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
ON	Ontario Water and Wastewater Operator Licensing Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV		I			
OR	Oregon Water Operator Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV					
RI	Rhode Island Drinking Water Certification Board	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
SK	Saskatchewan Operator Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
SC	South Carolina Environmental Certification Board	D	C	B	A	D	C	B	A					
SD	South Dakota Operator Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	VSWS				
USAC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District	I	II	III	IV									
UT	Utah Water Operator Certification Commission*	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	SS				
VT	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation			3	4	D								
WA	Washington Water Works Operator Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	WDS				BPAT
WQA	Water Quality Association	I												
WY	Wyoming Operator Certification Program	I	II	III	IV	I	II			VSWS				

\*Program does not use ABC exams but the program has been evaluated and determined to be equivalent to ABC.