

## **Subject: Updated Certification Exams for New Operators and Operators Seeking Upgrades**

The South Carolina Environmental Certification Board has adopted Water Professionals International's (WPI) 2025 Standardized Certification exams for: Water Treatment, Classes D through A; Water Distribution, Classes D through A; and Biological Wastewater, Classes D through A.

The updated certification examinations will go into effect on **August 1, 2025**. If you register for an exam before this date but your scheduled exam falls on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be required to take the updated version of the examination. To schedule your exam, please click [here](#) or contact PSI directly by phone at 833.256.1420.

### **How will this impact you?**

This update applies to all new operators entering the industry, as well as current operators seeking to upgrade their certification level. The exams have been updated to align with current industry practices, industry expectations, and safety standards. In support of these changes, a new Need-to-Know Criteria is available and should be reviewed carefully by all candidates preparing for the exams.

All certification exams are Computer-Based Tests and can be taken at any PSI location. Remote or at-home testing is not permitted.

### **Study Materials**

For all updated exams, WPI has revamped its Need-to-Know Criteria and Formula/Conversion Tables to better support examination preparations. Materials are now available on Water Professionals International – The Association of Boards for Certification website:

[Biological Wastewater Treatment](#)

[Water Distribution](#)

[Water Treatment](#)

\*Class I is equivalent to Level D and Class IV is equivalent to Level A\*

### **Examination Fees and Time Allotment**

Level D and Level C exams: 3-hour exam – \$106

Level B and Level A exams: 4-hour exam – \$126

Duplicate Score Report: \$25 per report

For further information or questions, visit [GoWpi.org](http://GoWpi.org) or contact the Board at [Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov) or 803.896.4430.