

# Water Production Operator, Water Treatment Operator, Water Distribution Operator

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Certifying Agency	<a href="#">Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)</a>
Description of Credentials	<p>Certified water operators help provide an adequate and safe supply of water in both the public and private sector. There is a demand for jobs related to water management, including positions as laboratory and engineering technicians, as well as entry-level positions at water plants and other green infrastructure positions.</p> <p>Basic State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>IBC# 537</b> – <a href="#">Water Production Operator 1</a></li> <li>2. <b>IBC# 538</b> – <a href="#">Water Treatment Operator 1</a></li> <li>3. <b>IBC# 539</b> – <a href="#">Water Distribution Operator 1</a></li> </ol> <p>Advanced State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>IBC# 556</b> – All certifications from the above list</li> </ol>
Graduation Pathway Inclusion	<p><b>Jump Start 2.0:</b> Agriculture, Food &amp; Natural Resources  <b>K-16 Pathway:</b> Environmental Protection and Sustainability</p>
	<b>Jump Start 1.0:</b> n/a
Certification Resources	<p><a href="#">LDH Sanitary Codes - Chapter XII - Water Supplies</a> (§7301 - §7307)  <a href="#">Approved 32 hour Classes</a>  <a href="#">Training - General and Examinations</a> (§7329 - §7331)            Certificate Application: <a href="#">Online</a> or <a href="#">Paper</a>  <a href="#">Provisional Certification</a> (§7319)  <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a></p>
System Requirements	All exams are given by LDH personnel at approved sites.
Testing Details	<p><a href="#">Online Exam Registration</a>  <a href="#">Paper Exam Application</a>  <a href="#">2020 Testing Dates</a>  <a href="#">Re-testing</a> (§7323.F)</p>
Test Accommodations & Language Access	<p>Contact program manager for test accommodations  <a href="#">Test Accommodations</a> (§7323.C)  <a href="#">Language Access</a> (§7321.B)</p>
Testing Methodology	<p><b>Paper Exam Option:</b> Yes  <b>Online Exam Option:</b> No  <b>Hands-on Skills Assessment:</b> No  <b>Work Experience Required:</b> No  <b>Clinical Rotation Required:</b> No</p>
Test Proctoring and Security	<p>Test security should be aligned to state and district policies, including but not limited to, Bulletin 118 §5305.  <a href="#">Test Proctoring</a> (§7331.L)</p>

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Cost Details	<a href="#">Certificate Fees</a> <a href="#">Other Cost Fees</a> (FAQs 7 - 11)
Additional Details	Computer testing will be available at a later date at the state’s Community Colleges.
Instructor Certification Requirements	Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they’re teaching students to attain. The instructor must complete the <a href="#">Instructor Qualification Form</a> and <a href="#">Course Approval Form</a>
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This document serves as a guide for school systems to implement IBCs. Always check with the certifying agency for latest updates.