



Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals

Guidance Document: Qualifying for Operator and Installer Licensure Using Certain Degree Programs in Lieu of Board-Approved Training

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I. Background

The Board's Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations include several options to qualify for licensure. Among the entry options, the qualifications for master conventional and alternative onsite sewage system installers, master conventional and alternative onsite sewage system operators, and journeyman alternative onsite sewage system operators include provisions for completion of training approved by the Board. Board staff has received an inquiry whether certain degree programs could be used in lieu of completion of the training approved by the Board.

II. Policy

The Board adopts the following policy as it pertains to licensing of individuals engaged in the provision of regulated activities:

The Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations provide options for entry that include completion of 10 to 20 hours of education approved by the Board covering the basics of operation and installation, as applicable to the license being sought, of onsite sewage systems. Applicants seeking to qualify under 18VAC160-40-130.1 or 18VAC160-40-130.3 (master conventional onsite sewage system installer); 18VAC160-40-160.2 or 18VAC160-40-160.3 (master alternative onsite sewage system installer); 18VAC160-40-190.2 (master conventional onsite sewage system operator); 18VAC160-40-210.1 (journeyman alternative onsite sewage system operator); and 18VAC160-40-220.1 or 18VAC160-40-220.3 (master alternative onsite

sewage system operator) may substitute the “Education Required” pursuant to the respective regulation with an acceptable degree as provided in 18VAC160-40-280.

The applicant must meet all other requirements of the Board, including appropriate documentation of qualifying experience. Board staff may request additional information from the applicant to confirm the education component has been satisfied and all eligibility criteria has been met.