

236 CMR: BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS  
OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES

236 CMR 3.00: CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC WATER  
SYSTEMS OPERATORS

Section

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3.01: Classification of a Public Water System

A public water system shall be classified according to the Department of Environmental Protection's Drinking Water Regulations at 310 CMR 22.11B: *Public Water Systems Certified Operator Staffing Requirements*. The Board shall request an updated list of public water system classifications annually from the Department of Environmental Protection, Drinking Water Program.

3.02: Classification of Public Water System Operators

The purpose for the certification of public water system operators is to insure the proper management, operation and maintenance of a public water system. The various grades of certificates shall be issued in accordance with the demonstrated skill, knowledge, experience and character of the operator.

(1) In a Class VND (Water Vending Machine) public water system, the person with the responsibility for making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold a Grade VND certificate.

(2) In a Class VSS (Very Small System) public water system, the person with responsibility for, making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold a Grade VSS or higher grade certificate.

(3) In a Class I public water system, the person with responsibility for making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold the appropriate Grade 1 or higher grade treatment or distribution certificate.

(4) In a Class II public water system, the person with responsibility for making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 2 or higher grade treatment or distribution certificate.

(5) In a Class III public water system, the person with responsibility for making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 3 or higher grade treatment or distribution certificate.

(6) In a Class IV public water system, the person with responsibility for making process control/system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health, and having active field supervision of, distribution and/or treatment activities must hold an appropriate Grade 4 treatment or distribution certificate.

(7) An individual may apply for certification and, after passing the Board examination, shall be certified in the highest grade for which he/she qualifies, except that experience in a Class VSS or Class VND public water supply may not be used toward qualifying for any higher grade (Grades 1D through 4D or Grades 1T through 4T).

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(8) Certificate holders who were issued certificates in Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 under the original "grandfather clause" or by written examination through December 31, 1989 shall be automatically credited with holding both distribution and treatment certification in accordance with the following table:

Certification Grade as of 12/31/89	Certification Grade after 12/31/89
1	1C
2	2C
3	3C
4	4C

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

236 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 13, § 66B; c. 112, § 87CCCC.