WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-1-9G

§16-1-9g. Reciprocity in licensing for public water systems operators and wastewater operators.

(a) The commissioner shall grant certification to a public water systems operator or wastewater operator certified by another jurisdiction, if the applicant:

(1) Is actively seeking, has been offered or has accepted employment which requires a certified operator in West Virginia;

(2) Submits a completed application in a manner approved by the commissioner;

(3) Meets the educational and work experience requirements prescribed by the commissioner through his rulemaking authority; and

(4) Demonstrates he or she has successfully passed an examination, which is substantially equivalent to the certification level sought in West Virginia, as determined by the commissioner.

(b) If the commissioner determines that the other jurisdiction’s examination is not equivalent, the water system operator or wastewater operator is required to successfully complete the West Virginia certification examination applicable to the certification level sought.

(c) Upon application to and approval by the commissioner, a certified public water system may apply for a limited waiver. If approved, a limited waiver shall permit a certified public water systems operator or wastewater operator to perform the tasks of an operator certified one grade higher as a supplement to the certified public water system’s staffing and availability of the primary operator. A limited waiver shall only be granted to a certified public water system, if it has at least one certified public water system operator or wastewater operator in the required class for its operation.

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