**Section 380.520 Class 4 Certificate Issuance**

The Agency shall issue a Class 4 Certificate of Technical Competency when the applicant demonstrates all the following:

a) The applicant is capable of performing his or her duties without endangering the health and well-being of the populace and is capable of maintaining and properly operating the structures and equipment entrusted to his or her care;

b) The applicant is capable of conducting and maintaining the facility in a safe manner;

c) The applicant has one year of wastewater operator experience.

1) A minimum of 6 months of experience must be hands-on at a wastewater treatment facility.

2) A maximum of 6 months of experience, calculated pursuant to Section 380.545, may be earned as follows:

A) The Agency may grant up to 3 months of credit for wastewater courses.

B) The Agency may grant up to one year of credit for the successful completion of a 1-year or more college program specifically designed for wastewater treatment works operation, which includes actual operation of a wastewater treatment works, excluding credits granted under subsection (c)(2)(A).

C) The Agency will not give credit for college credits under this Section, excluding wastewater courses credited under subsections (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B).

D) The Agency may grant up to 3 months of credit for operating experience of the following:

i) collection systems;

ii) community water supplies; or

iii) laboratory or operational maintenance experience while employed at a wastewater treatment works;

d) The applicant has obtained a score of 70 or higher on a Class 4 examination; and

e) The applicant has graduated from high school or has the equivalent to a high school education, and the applicant is able to read and write English.

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