**Section 681.600 Application for Reciprocal Certification**

a) The Agency may grant water supply operators certified by another state, territory or possession of the United States, or any other country, reciprocal certification in Illinois without examination. A water supply operator seeking reciprocity under this subsection must submit the following:

1) the application for reciprocal certification on forms prescribed by the Agency;

2) evidence that the certificate issued by the other certifying jurisdiction is in good standing and has not expired; and

3) authorization from the applicant for the State of Illinois to contact the other certifying jurisdiction that issued the applicant's certificate to enable Illinois to verify information submitted in the application.

b) The Agency may grant reciprocal certification to a water supply operator trained by the United States as a member of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy (U.S. Armed Forces) without examination.

1) A water supply operator seeking reciprocity under this subsection (b) must submit the following:

A) the Illinois application requirements found in Section 681.505, except Section 681.505(a)(4);

B) a detailed description of the qualifications, training and jobs performed while in the U.S. Armed Forces;

C) a copy of his or her military training, qualifications and performance records; and

D) a letter of authorization from the applicant authorizing the State of Illinois to contact the U.S. Armed Forces to enable Illinois to verify information submitted in the application.

2) The water supply operator must have the following hands-on experience for the level of certification sought:

A) three years of hands-on experience for a Class A certification;

B) three years of hands-on experience for a Class B certification;

C) one year of hands-on experience for a Class C certification; or

D) six months of hands-on experience for a Class D certification.

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