

WAGE GRADE CAREER PATH

WG 5409

WATER PLANT OPERATOR/WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

This occupation covers nonsupervisory work involved in the operation of water treatment facilities and plants to treat or pump water for domestic or industrial use.

WG02 - Step
WG05

Part 1

Apprentice/Helper/Trainee; Trade/Less than Journeyman

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| | 1 | Complete New Hire Orientation |
| | 2 | Complete Civilian Training Plan requirements for current position |
| | 3 | Complete task qualifications for current position |
| | 4 | Complete task certifications for current position |
| | 5 | Master simple to common work tasks under supervision |
| | 6 | Maintain successful to above average performance ratings |

WG05 -
WG08

Part 2

Trade/Less than Journeyman

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| | 1 | Continue required on-the-job and formal classroom training required in Civilian Training Plan |
| | 2 | Complete task qualifications for current position |
| | 3 | Complete task certifications for current position |
| | 4 | Master common to complex work tasks. |

Grade 7 water plant operators work in pumping facilities or water treatment plants where the quality of the water meets acceptable standards without any treatment or where water treatment is confined to one or a few simple steps. At this level, they monitor pumping equipment and gauges according to a prescribed schedule and perform routine operator maintenance. They make adjustments to valves and pumps to control and aerate water flow and they add material to soften water.

Grade 8 water treatment plant operators work in water treatment plants where the quality of the water is below acceptable and prescribed standards and requires nonfiltration processes to change the taste, odor, or chemical content of the water

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| | 5 | Maintain successful to above average performance ratings |
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Part 3

Journeyman

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| | 1 | Continue required on-the-job and formal classroom training required in Civilian Training Plan |
| | 2 | Complete task qualifications for current position |
| | 3 | Complete task certifications for current position |
| | 4 | Master common to complex work tasks. At Grade 9, water treatment plant operators work in plants where the water requires both nonfiltration processes as described at the grade 8 level and, in addition, filtration processes to change the taste, odor, physical, chemical, or bacteriological content of the water. The grade 9 operators make regularly scheduled checks similar to the grade 8 operators. However, the meters, gauges, motors, pumps, feeders, and the recording and control devices are more complicated in a filtration plant. |
| | 5 | Provide production support services |
| | 6 | Maintain successful to above average performance ratings |

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