#### **STATE OF MAINE**



#### BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS

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## **FACT SHEET**

## RENEWAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

### **Licensing Assures Professionalism**

The Maine Board of Licensure of Water System Operators assures licensed water operators have attained knowledge through a combination of education, experience and written examination to successfully operate water systems. The Board license renewal process encourages operators to continue to gain knowledge of present day technologies and practices. Licensed operators are required to meet the professional growth requirements to remain licensed. This is accomplished through taking training during the license cycle. This training is reported in the form of Training Contact Hours or TCH. 1 hour = 1TCH

### **Training Considered Relevant to Drinking Water**

Training applied toward license renewal must be relevant to the drinking water industry and approved for TCH credit by the Board.

- Relevant Training topics will have an:
  - o Influence on water quality, water supply, or public health protection and
  - o Be directly related to the operation or maintenance of a water system or
  - o Be directly related to managing the operation or maintenance of a water system.

# **Training Requirements for Levels of License**

Prior to license renewal, the operator shall complete the following requirements during the renewal cycle. The required TCH are for the highest level of license held.

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Very Small Water System	6
I	12
II	18
III	24
IV	24

# **Sources of Training**

Relevant training is available through a variety of sources such as water industry professional organizations, colleges and distance learning organizations. Training offering Continuing Education Units, (CEU), may be relevant for many professions as well as the drinking water profession.

Three (3) TCH will be awarded for each water operator exam successfully passed during the renewal cycle. Minimum 3: maximum 9 TCH during a renewal cycle.

Instructors developing training and authors of peer reviewed reports may also be eligible for TCH credit.

Ask your training provider if the Board has approved a class for TCH credit. You may also submit a "Request for TCH Approval" form to the Board.