

Entry-Level Course For Drinking Water Operators

Individuals who have received an operator-in-training (OIT) certificate on or after August 1, 2005 must take the *Entry-Level Course* within 16 months from the date their certificate was issued or their OIT certificate will expire. When they complete the course, their OIT certificate will be renewed to three years from the date it was issued.

The course provides new operators with a basic understanding of water characteristics, pathogens, treatment and distribution processes, and the regulations that govern water quality. This course is intended to complement the on-the-job training that OITs receive from their employers.

How to Register for the Entry-Level Course

The Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC) manages the delivery of the *Entry-Level Course*, coordinates the scheduling of the training sessions and processes all applications and registrations. The Registration Guide is available on the WCWC website at www.wcwc.ca.

Overview of Entry-Level Course

The *Entry-Level Course* for Drinking Water Operators is divided into two parts:

- Self-study - estimated to take 40 hours to complete and
- Classroom training - five days

As a first step in completing the *Entry-Level Course*, the OIT must complete the self-study portion on his/her own time and write a test related to the self-study material. Once the OIT has passed the self-study test, he/she may attend the classroom training session. The classroom portion of the course also has a test.

OITs must successfully complete both portions of the course before their OIT certificate expiry date.

The *Entry-Level Course for Drinking Water Operators* covers the following subjects:

- Protecting the health of the public
- Regulations governing water quality
- Water related math and drawings
- Water characteristics and sources
- Disinfection
- Treatment
- Sampling
- Equipment
- Well operators
- Distribution
- Safety

**For further information on registering for this course, contact:
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