

Fall 2026 Operator Education Seminars

The Operator Education, Training, & Certification Program would like to inform you that registration for **Fall 2026 Operator Education Courses** has transitioned to an **online submission form**. This change is intended to improve the registration process and make applications easier to complete, submit, and track.

What is changing?

- **You will no longer be able to email the course instructor to register for a course.**
- **Applicants will be required to complete and submit the application through the online form.**

The online form for course registration can be accessed here:

[2026 Fall OETC Program Course Registration](#)

As a reminder, the **Application for Operator Certification** has also transitioned to an online form and will no longer be completed through a PDF form. All operators wishing to challenge a certification must fill out the form at the link below:

[Application for Operator Certification - Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program](#)

Please refer to the table below for information pertaining to the course schedule including course names, locations, dates/times, and course instructors.

Location	Date	Time	Course Name	Course Instructor
Mount Pearl Infrastructure & Public Works Building 59 Clyde Ave.	Oct. 20	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Basics	Darren Patey
	Oct. 21	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Hydraulics	
	Oct. 22	8:30 – 4:30	Water Quality	
	Oct. 23	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Hall 1 Bailey Street	Oct. 27-29	8:30 – 4:30	Water Treatment Level 1-2	Victoria Pelley
	Oct. 30	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Gander Steel Community Ctr. 155 Airport Blvd.	Nov. 3	1:00 – 4:00	Proper Handling of Chlorine and Chlorine Containers	Genny DeCoste
Deer Lake Hodder Memorial Stadium 8-10 Crescent Street	Nov. 3	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Basics	Darren Patey
	Nov. 4	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Hydraulics	
	Nov. 5	8:30 – 4:30	Water Quality	
	Nov. 6	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Corner Brook Sir Richard Squires Building 84 Mount Bernard Ave.	Nov 17-18	8:30 – 4:30	Wastewater Collection Level 1-2	Jim Pollett
	Nov. 19	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Hall 1 Bailey Street	Dec. 8-9	8:30 – 4:30	Wastewater Collection Level 1-2	Jim Pollett
	Dec. 10	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	

Course Registration

Operators, municipal staff, municipal officials, and other interested water professionals are welcome to attend, although priority will be given to operators who are challenging the certification exam. Additional information on seminar content can also be found here: [Operator Education Seminars](#)

Certification Exams

To learn more about the eligibility requirements for challenging a certification exam visit [Certification Requirements](#). The cost to challenge an exam is \$75.00 plus HST.

Please note that an Application for Operator Certification may be required if you do not already have one on file.

Course & Exam Payment

There is no fee for municipal participants to attend these seminars; however associated travel costs, including meals, are not included. **There is a fee for non-municipal participants to attend these seminars.**

Water and Wastewater System Operator Course & Certification Exam payments can now be made online through the following payment site: [Course & Certification Exam Payments](#)

Municipal Training Fund (MTF)

Any municipal participants attending these seminars may be eligible for funding through the Municipal Training Financial Assistance Fund (MTF) administered by the Municipal Finance Division of the Department Municipal and Provincial Affairs. This funding assists elected municipal officials, municipal employees and municipal volunteers in gaining access to training and professional development opportunities. The funding application form is located here: [Municipal Training Fund Application Form](#)

Please call toll-free at 1-877-729-4393 for any questions regarding the funding application.

If you have any questions regarding the Fall 2026 Operator Education Seminar Schedule, please contact the course instructor:

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