

Spring 2026 Operator Education Seminars

Attention: Water and Wastewater System Operators

Please refer to the following table for information pertaining to seminar topics, locations, dates, and times. Operators, municipal staff, municipal officials, and other interested water professionals are welcome to attend. 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 payments can now be made online through the following payment site: [Certification Exam Payments](#)

Location	Date	Time	Topic	Contact Person
Twillingate George Hawkins Arena – 3 Rink Road	April 22	8:30 – 12:00	Waterborne Pathogens and Disease Outbreaks	Victoria Pelley
		1:00 – 4:00	Source Water Protection	
COURSE FULL/ DATE CHANGE Marystown Summer Games Complex Harris Drive	June 2	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Basics	Darren Patey
	June 3	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Hydraulics	
	June 4	8:30 – 4:30	Water Quality	
	June 5	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
UPDATED Clareville Fire Hall 7 O'Mahoney Drive	May 26-27	8:30 – 4:30	Wastewater Collection Level 1-2	Jim Pollett
	May 28	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Carbonear Princess Sheila Building 163 Water Street	June 3	1:00 – 4:00pm	Proper Handling of Chlorine and Chlorine Containers	Genny DeCoste
UPDATED Labrador City Soccer Building McParland Drive	June 9-10	8:30 – 4:30	Wastewater Collection Level 1-2	Jim Pollett
	June 11	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
St. John's City Depot 25 Blackler Avenue Cedar Room	June 9-11	8:30 – 4:30	Water Treatment Level 1-2	Victoria Pelley
	June 12	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
COURSE FULL Gander Steel Community Center Meeting Room 2 155 Airport Blvd	June 16	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Basics	Darren Patey
	June 17	8:30 – 4:30	Water Distribution Hydraulics	
	June 18	8:30 – 4:30	Water Quality	
	June 19	9:00 – 12:00	Certification Exam	
Grand Falls - Windsor Ski chalet off Scott Ave	June 24	1:00 – 4:00	Proper Handling of Chlorine and Chlorine Containers	Chris Blanchard
Happy Valley – Goose Bay Venue TBD	TBD	8:30 – 12:00	Waterborne Pathogens and Disease Outbreaks	Victoria Pelley
		1:00 – 4:00	Source Water Protection	

If you plan on attending any of the above noted seminars or certification exam sessions, please register with the appropriate contact person; contact information is provided below. To find out more information on the content to be covered during the seminars visit our website: [Operator Education Seminars](#)

- 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 and an Application for Certification may need to be submitted.

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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: [MTF-Application-Form-2026.pdf](#)

Please call toll-free at 1-877-729-4393 for any questions regarding the funding application. If you have any questions regarding the Spring 2026 Operator Education Seminar Schedule, please contact the following:

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