

When do you need contact hours for Operator Certification Renewal in California?

Certificate Type	July 2003	August 2003	September 2003	October 2003	November 2003	December 2003	January 2004	February 2004
Temporary Water Distribution	No Contacts Hours Required. These certificates are NOT renewable.					December 31, 2003 All Temporary Certificates Expire.		
Interim Water Distribution Operator	Renewal Notices sent to Utilities		Renewals Due to DHS WITH Contact Hours!	Penalty phase	Financial Penalty Phase begins.		January 1, 2004 ALL Interim Certificates Expire if not renewed.	
Transitioned CA-NV-AWWA Water Distribution Operators	All transitioned Certificates are renewed sometime this year, 2003. No contact hours required for this renewal. Contact hours need to be collected now for the next renewal.							
DHS Water Treatment Operators	If your expiration date is after January 1, 2004, you will need contact hours for this renewal. If your EXPIRATION Date is on or before this date, you do not need contact hours until your NEXT Renewal.							
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* These are operators that have taken and passed a California DHS Water Distribution Exam AND have received actual certification.

- Temporary Water Distribution Operator Certificates:** All Temporary Certifications expire on December 31, 2003. These certificates are NOT *renewable*, therefore no Contact Hours need to be completed for this certificate. An operator that holds a Temporary Certificate must take and pass the appropriate grade level exam and then apply for certification to continue to work as a Certified Operator after January 1, 2004.. The last chance for Temporary Certificate holders to take and pass a Water Distribution Operator Examination is August 16, 2003. Application Deadline was June 1, 2003.

- **Interim Water Distribution Operator Certificates:** All Interim Certificates expire on January 1, 2004. These Certificates are renewable one time. Renewal applications must be submitted to the Department of Health Services between July 1, 2003 and September 1, 2003. These certificates require Contact Hours in addition to the required fee in order to be renewed.
- **Transitioned CA-NV-AWWA Water Distribution Operators:** All CA-NV-AWWA Water Distribution Operators that renewed with California DHS by September 2001 are required to renew this year. This was a two-year renewal period. Because these certificates expire prior to January 1, 2004, no contact hours are required for this renewal period. Contact Hours do need to be collected from this point forward for the next renewal period.
- **DHS Water Treatment Operator Certificates:** Water Treatment Operator Certificates that expire after January 1, 2004 will require Contact Hours for renewal. Remember, your renewal date is approximately four (4) months PRIOR to the expiration date.
- **DHS Water Distribution Operator Certificates:** Water Distribution Operator Certificates that expire after January 1, 2004 will require Contact Hours for renewal. Remember, your renewal date is approximately four (4) months PRIOR to the expiration date. These Certificates are owned by an operator that passed the appropriate grade of exam AND successfully met the Certification application requirements. Passing the exam alone does not constitute certification.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Darcy Burke, Director of Operations for the Section at 909-481-7200, or e-mail your inquiry to dburke@ca-nv-awwa.org