

3745-580-05

Process for obtaining certification.

(A) An individual seeking to become a certified facility operator pursuant to rule 3745-580-03 of the Administrative Code or a certified inspector pursuant to rule 3745-580-04 of the Administrative Code shall register for applicable certification courses and examinations by submitting the appropriate application on forms prescribed by the director and required fees to Ohio EPA not later than thirty days prior to the scheduled certification courses.

(B) Certification courses and examinations.

(1) Facility operators and inspectors shall attend required certification courses offered by Ohio EPA to fulfill at a minimum the requirements of section 3714.062 and division (L) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(2) Facility operators and inspectors shall complete a written examination upon completion of the certification course to determine the knowledge and proficiency of the individual seeking certification.

(3) An individual who fails to pass an examination by attaining a score of less than seventy per cent may schedule a re-examination without taking the certification course again, and shall submit an application to do so not later than forty-five days after the original examination.

(4) An individual who fails to pass re-examination or misses the required time frame to submit an application in accordance with this rule shall repeat the certification course prior to re-examination.

(5) Individuals who take the examination are not permitted to keep copies of the examination.

(6) Individuals who have not applied for certification thirty days prior to the commencement of certification course, who fail to pay the required fees, or fail to verify identity at the examination site shall not be eligible to take the certification course or examination.

(C) Certification criteria. The director shall not certify any individual unless the following criteria have been met:

(1) The individual submits an application on a form prescribed by the director and pays any applicable fees.

(2) The individual attends the required certification course.

(3) The individual attains a passing score of seventy per cent or higher on the examination.

- (D) Certifications shall expire triennially on the date fixed by Ohio EPA and become invalid on that date unless renewed in accordance with rule 3745-580-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) Certified facility operators of C&DD facilities shall obtain ten continuing education hours every certification year for the certified facility operator's certification to remain valid. Failure to obtain ten continuing education hours for each certification year will result in the expiration of the certification.