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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Reissuance of the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Fee Schedule

The Washington state department of ecology (ecology) certifies wastewater treatment plant operators to ensure they are knowledgeable to properly operate and maintain wastewater treatment plants.

By law, ecology must fund the wastewater operator certification (OpCert) program with fees. These fees are subject to change, dependent upon a budget and workload analysis completed every biennium. On March 31, 2021, ecology published a draft fee schedule for comment. Ecology responded to the comments and is now publishing the final wastewater operator certification program fee schedule. Ecology made no changes from the draft fee schedule published on March 31, 2021.

Based on the estimated administrative costs of the OpCert program and the projected account balance, ecology will maintain wastewater operator certification fees at their current level. The fee schedule is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Fee Schedule for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023

| Category | Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) | Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) |
|--|---|---|
| Group I and Group I OIT Applications | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Groups II through IV Applications and Groups II through IV OIT Applications | \$67.00 | \$67.00 |
| Renewals | \$98.00 | \$98.00 |

Copies of the Final Fee Schedule: The final fee schedule is available online at <https://ecology.wa.gov/opcert>. You may request hard copies from Torrie Shaul at opcert@ecy.wa.gov.

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