

**Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Health
(NC Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board)**

Name of Fee: Water Treatment Facility Operator Fees

Purpose of Fee: The program to certify operators of drinking water treatment facilities is fee-supported.

Authority: G. S. 90A-27

Current Fee:	Renewal of Certification Fee	\$25
	Examination Fee	\$30

Revenue Generated (2003-2004 FY): \$199,944 (BC 14300; Fund 1490-4903)

Proposed Fee:	Renewal of Certification Fee	\$30
	Examination Fee	\$50

Additional Revenue Generated: \$58,340

Projected Total Annual Revenue: \$258,284

Rationale for Fee Increase: The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to increase requirements concerning operators of public water supply treatment facilities. These requirements increase costs for the certification operations of the Board.

Who Pays: There are approximately 1,200 examinations given each year and 6,900 certification renewals issued annually to 5,300 operators. It is customary for employers to pay these fees. Based on the Board's database, it is estimated that 46 percent of the increase is borne by about 530 local government water treatment facilities.

Number Affected by Fee: About 5,300 individual operators, an estimated 2,390 working for 530 local governments and 2,910 working for private water companies in the state.

Inception Date of Fee: Fees have existed since at least June 30, 1981

Date of Last Fee Change: Aug, 2000