**Section 380.535 Collection System Certificate Issuance**

The Agency shall issue a Collection System Certificate of Technical Competency when the applicant demonstrates all the following:

a) The applicant is capable of performing his or her duties without endangering the health and well-being of the populace and is capable of maintaining and properly operating the structures and equipment entrusted to his or her care.

b) The applicant has one year of collection system operating experience.

1) A minimum of 6 months of experience must be hands-on at a collection system.

2) A maximum of 6 months of experience, calculated pursuant to Section 380.545, may be earned as follows:

A) Credit for collection system or wastewater courses may be substituted for a maximum of 3 months collection system operating experience.

B) Wastewater treatment operating experience may be substituted for a maximum of 3 months collection system operating experience.

c) The applicant has graduated from high school or has the equivalent to a high school education, and the applicant is able to read and write English.

d) The applicant has obtained a score of 70 or higher on a Collection System examination.

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