**Section 380.800 Application for Reciprocal Certification**

a) An individual seeking reciprocity must submit a complete application for reciprocal certification on forms prescribed by the Agency. The application for reciprocal certification must include the following information:

1) evidence that the certificate issued by the other certifying jurisdiction is in good standing and has not expired; and

2) a letter of authorization from the applicant authorizing the State of Illinois to contact the other certifying jurisdiction that issued the applicant's certificate to enable Illinois to verify information submitted in the application.

b) The Agency may grant reciprocal certification to a wastewater operator trained by the United States as a member of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy (U.S. Armed Forces) without examination.

1) A wastewater operator seeking reciprocity under this subsection (b) must submit the following:

A) the Illinois application requirements found in Section 380.500, except Section 380.500(a)(3);

B) a detailed description of the qualifications, training and jobs performed while in the U.S. Armed Forces;

C) a copy of his or her military training, qualifications and performance records; and

D) a letter of authorization from the applicant authorizing the State of Illinois to contact the U.S. Armed Forces to enable Illinois to verify information submitted in the application.

2) The wastewater operator must have the following hands-on experience for the level of certification sought:

A) 6 years of hands-on experience for a Class 1 certification;

B) 4 years of hands-on experience for a Class 2 certification;

C) 2 year of hands-on experience for a Class 3 certification;

D) one year of hands-on experience for a Class 4 certification; or

E) one year of hands-on experience at a collection system for a Collections System certification.

c) The application for reciprocal certification must be signed by the applicant and must be submitted to the Agency.

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