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New Water Treatment Exams in 2008

The T1 – T4 water treatment exams will change in 2008. This change is the result of an exam validation study that was recently completed by CDPH with assistance from subject matter experts and certified water treatment operators. The study was based on a comprehensive job analysis prepared by the subject matter experts and validated by surveying certified water treatment operators. The result of this study is a new list of knowledge and abilities that a certified operator needs in order to operate a water treatment facility in California. This list has been converted to an “Expected Range of Knowledge” and will be used to prepare the T1 – T4 exams. It is important to note that the subject matter has not changed significantly from the previous exams. In fact, we will still be using our current question bank that has also gone through a validation process. The most significant change is the number of questions and the point value for each question.

Changes to the water treatment exams starting in 2008.

1. Each exam will consist of 100 multiple choice questions. Some of these questions will require mathematical calculations, (math problems). The previous exams ranged from 50 to 74 questions depending on the grade.
2. Each question is worth one point unless a calculation is required. Those questions will be worth two points.
3. A range of 15 – 20 math questions will be on each exam. The overall weight given to math on the new exams will be approximately the same as the old exams.
4. There will no longer be essay questions on the T3 and T4 exams. All questions will be multiple choice.
5. The Expected Range of Knowledge is different. It will show how many questions there will be in each category and what kind of math calculations you can expect to see on the exams.