

Nebraska  
From Title 179 NAC 10  
Licensure of Water Operators

10-003 LICENSED OPERATOR REQUIRED: A public water system must have a licensed operator. The Department will issue a permit only to a public water system that has an operator holding a license equal to or greater than the level of classification of the water system.

10-003.01 The owner of a community or a non-transient non-community water system must place the direct supervision of their water system under the responsible charge of an operator(s) holding a valid license equal to or greater than the classification of the water system.

10-003.02 All operating personnel for community or non-transient non-community water systems that make process control or system integrity decisions about water quality or quantity that affect public health are required to hold a license of at least Grade IV.

10-003.03 For community and non-transient non-community water systems, a designated licensed operator must be available for each operating shift and must hold a license of at least Grade IV.

**10-003.04** Two or more public water systems may share or utilize the services of a single licensed operator provided that the conditions in 179 NAC 10-003.04, items 1 to 4 are met. The Department will approve or disapprove each application for a shared operator (Attachment 1 which is incorporated herein by reference) based on the following conditions:

1. The shared operator must hold a license equal to or greater than the highest classification of the systems involved.
2. The systems are located so as to permit reasonable travel time between work areas with sufficient time remaining to perform necessary routine supervisory maintenance and operational activity for each system. As a guide, 40 miles is considered to be an acceptable distance.
3. Each system involved must develop a written plan to coordinate the activities required of the shared operator which must include a local person or persons for contact. EFFECTIVE DATE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF JUNE 21, 2011 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 179 NAC 10 5
4. Companies or corporations established for the purpose of providing operational service to owners of public water systems must employ one or more persons holding a license appropriate to the highest classification of the systems served.