

Water Operator Trainee

Starting Pay

\$18.00 per hour

Schedule

Four 10-hour days (4/10 schedule)

Benefits

- Health insurance
- Dental and vision insurance
- Life insurance
- Paid time off
- 403(b) retirement plan
- Paid licensing, certifications, and professional development

Position Summary

The District is seeking a motivated Water Operator Trainee to assist with the operation and maintenance of the public water system while working under the supervision of licensed operators. This entry-level position provides hands-on training in the operation and maintenance of water production and distribution facilities.

The trainee will gain experience in water system operations, water quality monitoring, and system maintenance while preparing to obtain a TCEQ Water Operator license. The position requires significant driving throughout the District's service area and work in all weather conditions. The trainee will also interact occasionally with customers while assisting with field operations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist licensed operators in the operation and maintenance of water system facilities including wells, storage tanks, booster stations, and distribution infrastructure.
- Perform routine inspections of water system equipment and assist with preventative maintenance tasks.
- Assist with water quality sampling and basic monitoring activities.
- Help locate leaks and assist with repairs to water lines, valves, hydrants, and meters.
- Assist with installation, repair, and replacement of water services and related infrastructure.
- Perform flushing, valve exercising, and other distribution system maintenance activities under supervision.
- Operate District vehicles, tools, and equipment used in water system maintenance.
- Maintain accurate logs, work orders, and operational records as directed.

- Interact professionally with customers and the public while assisting with service requests or field inquiries.
- Work under the direct supervision of a licensed operator and follow all operational and safety procedures.
- Participate in training programs and coursework required to obtain a TCEQ Water Operator license.
- Perform other duties as assigned to support the safe and reliable operation of the District's water system.
- Trainee will be expected to obtain TCEQ "D" Water Operator License within one year, and a TCEQ "C" Distribution or Groundwater Operator License within four years.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED.
- Valid Texas driver's license and acceptable driving record.
- Ability to obtain a TCEQ Class D or higher Water Operator License within a timeframe established by the District.
- Ability to travel extensively throughout the District's service area.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions and perform physically demanding tasks.
- Ability to learn technical operational procedures and follow directions from licensed operators.

Preferred Qualifications

- Prior experience in utilities, construction, mechanical work, or public works.
- Basic familiarity with water distribution or water system operations.
- Interest in a long-term career in the water utility field.

Working Conditions

- Extensive driving throughout the District's service area.
- Work performed outdoors in heat, cold, rain, and other environmental conditions.
- Must be able to lift, carry, and operate tools and equipment used in water system maintenance.