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Washington Certified Waterworks Operators & BATs,

On October 31, 2025, the Washington State Department of Health (department) adopted final rule revisions to WAC 246-292-995 for Certified operator and public water system certification fees. All certified operators must renew their certificates annually by paying a renewal fee as specified in WAC 246-292-090. This renewal fee will increase on December 1, 2025.

The annual certification renewal period begins in the first week of November (opens by 11/7/25), which makes the fee increase challenging. This means that many operators will pay a lower renewal fee than others this year, depending on when they pay. I strongly recommend that certified operators pay their renewal fee as-soon-as the eligibility window opens. Please visit the www.wacertservices.org to update your email address to ensure you receive the latest updates on certification renewals, professional growth requirements, and training options. [Waterworks Renewals](#) and [BAT Renewals](#) are now open to pay, and notices will go out this week.

A summary of the few increases are as follows:

- BAT application fee increases from \$51 to \$83, making the total price of a BAT certification exam \$257. Professional Growth exam prices remain unchanged at \$170.
- WDM and WDS application fees increase from \$87 to \$141.
- CCS application fee increases from \$51 to \$83.
- Annual renewal fee increases from \$42 to \$68 (if you hold multiple classifications to include BAT, you still only pay \$68 one time)
- Late fee for renewal payments increase from \$35.00 to \$57.00.

Visit our [ODW Fee Rulemaking webpage](#) for more information on the rule revisions:

<https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/drinking-water/regulation-and-compliance/rules/office-drinking-water-fee-rulemaking>

Sincerely,

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