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Water Distribution Operator Continuing Education Courses in California

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Water distribution operators in the state of California are not only required to renew their certification every two years, but they also need to enroll in continuing education to comply with changes in state laws. State license renewals are due four months before the current license expires and all continuing education requirements must be met within that same period. Contact hour requirements vary by license grade. Operators certified as D-1 must complete 12 hours of continuing education, D-2 operators, 16 hours, D-3 operators, 24 hours, and grades D-4 and D-5 must complete 36 hours of contact hours. The state only recognizes continuing education contact hours from specific schools.

OM 360 Water

OM360 provides online training and is recognized by the state of California to provide continuing education courses to licensed distribution and treatment operators. Attendees learn how to target "operation and maintenance issues that need to be relayed to staff." Some of the coursework includes Turbplex blowers, courses one and two; lift station pump course; accident investigation and more.

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California State University at Sacramento Water College

Sacramento State University offers specific water distribution and treatment training as part of its office of water programs. Topics cover the roles and duties for water distribution operators, maintaining clear wells

and tanks, distribution systems facilities, maintenance, operations, maintaining water quality and much more. Operators learn to solve problems by developing methods for analyzation and performing multiple calculations. The course is worth 9 contact hours.

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California Rural Water Association

Members receive continuing education of up to 60 hours through the online resources offered by TargetSafety at a discounted rate over non-members. Access is granted for 12 months to coursework offered online. Benefits of the online training listed on the Association's website include reduced costs of re-certification, training at one's own pace, accessible and easy-to-use course material. Some of the coursework includes backflow prevention methods and overview, disaster preparedness, disinfection basics, distribution systems materials and equipment and emergency response to terrorism, to name a few.

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