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Distribution Operator Certification Process

After successfully passing an exam, you will receive a notice to apply for your certification. For Grades 1 and 2, simply complete and mail back the bottom portion of the pass notice with the proper fee. Grades 3 - 5 will be sent an application with detailed instructions on the requirements to obtain certification.

Applications for certification can be submitted up to three years after the date of the exam you passed. This allows you time to meet the experience requirements if necessary.

For Grades 3 - 5

Submit your completed certification application, filing fees and required documentation:
- A signed and dated Supervisor Letter
- Utility Organization Chart
- System Classification Letter
- Official Job Description(s) for the position(s) you held

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The Operator Certification Program reviews your application

(Please allow up to 6 weeks to evaluate your application from the date we receive it)

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The Operator Certification Program approves your application or sends you a deficiency letter

↓ Application approved

↓ Deficiency letter

Congratulations
Sir George Buckman

Insufficient Information

Supply the requested information needed to meet certification requirements

OR

Insufficient Time

After you have met the experience requirements, resubmit the supervisor letter with your additional work experience information (you must resubmit the letter within three years of the exam date)

The Operator Certification Program sends your certificate and ID card to you

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