

Who's eligible:

Are you currently serving as an operator of a Georgia Community or NonTransient NonCommunity water system serving 3,300 persons or fewer? If so, then you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain certification expenses. The GA EPD Operator Certification Reimbursement Program will reimburse training and exam costs, and mileage costs, including an appropriate per diem (lodging and meals – when applicable) to *unsalaried* small system operators seeking Class IV or Class III drinking water certification. *Salaried* persons operating CWS or NTNCWS systems serving 3,300 persons or fewer that are required to undergo training in accordance with section 1419(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act will receive reimbursement for training and examination related costs for small system operators seeking Class IV or Class III drinking water certification, excluding per diem.

Definition of “unsalaried” and “salaried”

The difference between “unsalaried operators” and “salaried” operators of water systems serving 3,300 persons or fewer is as follows:

You are “unsalaried” if you perform volunteer services when operating the water system and do not receive compensation from the system owner for these services; if this is your situation you will receive reimbursement for training costs, exam costs, mileage, and per diem (lodging, meals – when applicable) in accordance with the State of Georgia Statewide Travel Regulations.

You are “salaried” if you receive compensation from the system owner; if this is your situation you will receive reimbursement for training and exam costs, and mileage in accordance with the State of Georgia Statewide Travel Regulations, but not for lodging and meals.

You must be currently serving as an operator or operator-in-training at a Georgia CWS or NTNCWS serving 3,300 persons or fewer to be eligible for reimbursement under this Program.