

## Who Does What?

The Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Association (**AWWOA**) vs Alberta Environment and Parks (**AEP**). Both groups support Alberta operators, but in different ways.

AWWOA – Not-for-profit member association	AEP – Government of Alberta department
<p><b>Training for Operators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Level Training course</li> <li>• Level I Certification Preparation course</li> <li>• Various relevant training courses</li> <li>• All AWWOA courses recognized for CEU's by AEP certification program</li> </ul>	<p><b>Training for Operators</b></p> <p>Offers no training</p>
<p><b>Operator Certification</b></p> <p>NOT involved in certification exams or assigning continuing education units (CEUs) to courses</p>	<p><b>Operator Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification exams – delivery, location and dates</li> <li>• CEUs – training evaluated for purposes of provincial certification program</li> </ul>
<p><b>AWWOA Operation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected members sit on voluntary Executive Board which oversees association affairs</li> <li>• A few permanent employees manage association programs and services</li> </ul>	<p><b>AEP Certification Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Minister of AEP appoints committee members who make recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Certification program policy</li> <li>○ Applications for certification and certification renewal</li> <li>○ Evaluation of specific training/education with respect to certification (CEUs)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWWOA membership is voluntary and not tied to operator certification</li> <li>• There is small annual membership fee</li> <li>• Anyone can join and take advantage of various member benefits including discounts and bursaries</li> </ul>	<p><b>Certificates of Qualification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtained by passing AEP certification exams</li> <li>• Certificate numbers are different than AWWOA membership numbers</li> <li>• AWWOA membership is not mandatory to become certified</li> <li>• There is a fee for writing certification exams and to renew certificates</li> </ul>
<p><b>Seminar</b></p> <p>Hosts Annual Operators Seminar in Banff which includes workshops and tradeshow</p>	<p><b>Seminar</b></p> <p>Participates at Annual Operators Seminar with tradeshow booth and presentations</p>
<p><b>Operator Newsletter</b></p> <p>AWWOA publishes newsletter 3X/year as communication tool for members</p>	<p><b>Operator Newsletter</b></p> <p>AEP provides some financial assistance towards the newsletter, and occasionally supplies articles</p>
<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Information about utility news, AWWOA training and online courses, job postings, resource materials and other items important to operators</p>	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Information about AEP Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program – application form, program guide, exam schedule, etc.</p>
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