

Conditional Certification during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This policy will provide guidance on the issuance of Conditional Certifications during the COVID-19 pandemic. Conditional certification will be issued when a facility/system cannot meet certified operator requirements outlined in their approval/registration. Only the Certification Section issues Conditional certifications.

Conditional certifications will be generated in C365, which will require the operator to register for an account in Compliance 365, log in and agree to the Code of Conduct. Conditional certifications issued for the COVID-19 pandemic will remain valid during this emergency period.

Conditional certifications when required can be based on two types of scenario; 1. For an inactive operator (someone who has already been certified in the past), and 2. For an operator who has never held certification or who has been inactive for longer than 10 years.

1. Conditional Re-activation of certificate – if the certificate has been inactive for less than 10 years from the expiry date; reactivation of certificate is initiated by the facility owner and the operator making a request to the Certification Section.
2. Conditional Re-activation of certificate – if certificate has been inactive for more than 10 years from the expiry date, reactivation of certificate initiated by the facility owner and the operator making a request, to the Certification Section, would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. If an operator has not held certification in the past, a request from the facility owner and the operator, made to the Certification Section, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Points that will be considered for case-by-case basis: Has other neighboring jurisdictions been contacted first for coverage, Professional Engineer or Certified Technologist status, NAIT graduate, past work experience, ELT training completed, Level I exam written, discussion with site manager on competencies of proposed operator

If a Conditional certificate is needed, the facility approval holder along with the Operator who is being proposed needs to send an email to waterandwastewateroperatorcert@gov.ab.ca

The email will need to include the name of the facility, the current staffing situation, how compliance is not being met, and a short resume of the proposed operator who is seeking the Conditional certification.

All Conditional certifications will be copied to Region staff such as the DWOS and one compliance or approvals staff member.