**Certified Pool Operator—Licensure Information**

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The [SLCC Certified Pool Operator](https://www.slcc.edu/continuinged/programs/national-certified-pool-operator.aspx) program provides Certified and Registered Pool Operator (RPO) training as required by the Utah Department of Health and is designed to prepare students to pass an examination at the end of the training to receive their certification.

Completion of the Certified Pool Operator CE courses does not guarantee the ability to obtain or renew a Utah state license to practice as a Certified Pool Operator. In order to practice as a Certified Pool Operator, students must satisfy individual state requirements, independent of SLCC course requirements. It is highly recommended that students consult in advance with [DOPL](https://dopl.utah.gov/index.html), or similar agencies in other states, to find out more about eligibility for licensure. DOPL can be reached at 801-530-6628 or at their [website](https://dopl.utah.gov/index.html). In Utah, the [Utah Department of Health](https://epi.health.utah.gov/swimming-pools/) provides information on the rules and regulations regarding the certification of Pool Operators.

Licensure is the exclusive right and responsibility of each state. At this point, we have not determined whether the Certified Pool Operator program meets licensure requirements in any state other than Utah. If you are interested in the steps to licensure in other states, click on the state name below for more information.

If you need more information on gaining your Pool Operator Certification in Utah, you can contact the Certified Pool Operator Program Coordinator, Mykel Severson.

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| **States and Territories** | **Licensure Information**This list was last updated 2/17/2022. Information may have changed since the last update. Please email for more information. |
| [Alabama](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html) | **Board**: [Alabama Public Health](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html)**Contact**: 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Phone: 334-206-5300. [Online contact form](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/about/contact.html). **Additional Information**:* Alabama does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.
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| [Alaska](https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/public-facilities/pool-spa/) | **Board**: [Alaska Division of Environmental Health – Food Safety & Sanitation Program – Pools and Spas](https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/public-facilities/pool-spa/)**Contact**: PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811. Phone: 907-269-7644. Email: dec.commissioner@alaska.gov. **Additional Information**:* [Application](https://dec.alaska.gov/media/9827/forms-public-facility-application.pdf) (PDF Download)
* [Requirements](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#18.30.545). Must have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or an equivalent certification.
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| American Samoa | American Samoa does not offer territory-wide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| Arizona | Arizona does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Arkansas](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/swimming-pools-and-related-facilities) | **Board**: [Arkansas Department of Health](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/swimming-pools-and-related-facilities)**Contact**: 4815 W. Markham St., Slot 46, Little Rock, AR 72205. Phone: 501-661-2171. Email: adh.ehs@arkansas.gov. **Additional Information**:* It is recommended that the pool operator shall have successfully completed a swimming pool operator course and have current certification recognized by the department. More information available [here](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/rules/SwimmingPools1.pdf).
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| [California](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/RecreationalHealth/California-Swimming-Pool-Requirements.aspx) | **Board**: [California Department of Public Health](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/EMB/RecreationalHealth/California-Swimming-Pool-Requirements.aspx)**Contact**: PO Box 997377, MS 0500, Sacramento, CA 95899-7377. Phone: 916-558-1784. [Online contact form](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/contact_us.aspx). **Additional Information**:* [Rules and regulations on pool maintenance and operations](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I6D9747D0D4BA11DE8879F88E8B0DAAAE&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)&bhcp=1).
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| [Colorado](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality/water-quality-engagement/swimming-pools-regulation-stakeholders) | **Board**: [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment – Swimming Pools Regulation](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality/water-quality-engagement/swimming-pools-regulation-stakeholders)**Contact**: 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246. Phone: 303-692-3500. Email: cdphe.commentswqcd@state.co.us. **Additional Information**:* Certified Pool Operators will need to have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation. More information can be found in the [Swimming Pool Regulations](https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=9173&fileName=5%20CCR%201003-5).
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| [Connecticut](https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/License-Services-Division/All-License-Applications/Swimming-Pool--Spa) | **Board**: [Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection – Swimming Pool & Spa](https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/License-Services-Division/All-License-Applications/Swimming-Pool--Spa)**Contact**: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 901, Hartford, CT 06103-1840. Phone: 860-713-6100. [List of department emails](https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Agency-Administration/About-Us/Contact-Us). **Additional Information**:* Connecticut has pool contractors and pool journeypersons that perform pool maintenance. Requirements for these positions can be found [here](https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Occupational-and-Professional-Division/Occupational--Profess/Spa-and-Pool-Trades-Licenses-and-Scope-of-Work).
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| [Delaware](https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/poolsandspas.html) | **Board**: [Delaware Department of Health and Social Services – Division of Public Health – Public Pool Supervision Program](https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/poolsandspas.html) **Contact**: 417 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901. Phone: 302-744-4700. **Additional Information**:* [Approved Pool Operator requirements](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/apocriteria.html).
* [Rules and regulations for public swimming pools](https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title16/Department%20of%20Health%20and%20Social%20Services/Division%20of%20Public%20Health/Health%20Systems%20Protection%20%28HSP%29/4464.shtml).
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| [District of Columbia](https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/swimming-pools-and-aquatics) | **Board**: [DC Health – Division of Community Hygiene – Swimming Pools and Aquatics](https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/swimming-pools-and-aquatics)**Contact**: 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone: 202-535-2180. Email: community.hygiene@dc.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have certifications and registration from the National Swimming Pool Foundation. More information can be found in the [regulations for swimming pools and spas](https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/2017-%2025C%20DCMR-DC%20Swimming%20Pool%2C%20Spa%20and%20Saunas_0.pdf).
* [Application](https://dchealth.dc.gov/publication/certified-pool-operator-cpo-certificate-application-id-cards).
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| [Florida](https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/swimming-pools/) | **Board**: [Florida Bureau of Environmental health – Public Swimming Pools](https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/swimming-pools/)**Contact**: 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1710. Phone: 850-245-4250. Email: PoolCodeQuestions@FLHealth.gov. **Additional Information**:* The department may require that a public pool be serviced by a person certified as a pool service technician. More information can be found in the [rules and regulations for public swimming and bathing facilities](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0514/0514.html).
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| [Georgia](https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/pools) | **Board**: [Georgia Department of Health – Environmental Health – Pools](https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/pools) **Contact**: 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 15th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. Phone: 404-657-2700. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators need to complete a course approved by the department. More information can be found in the [rules and regulations](https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/rules-and-regulations-511-3-5/download) (PDF Download).
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| Guam | Guam does not offer territory-wide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Hawaii](https://health.hawaii.gov/san/swimming-pool-information/) | **Board**: [Hawaii Department of Health – Swimming Pool Information](https://health.hawaii.gov/san/swimming-pool-information/)**Contact**: 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Phone: 808-586-4400. [Online contact form.](https://health.hawaii.gov/about/contact/) **Additional Information**:* Any person desiring to operate or maintain a public pool must submit an application to the department for a permit. More information on the [rules and regulations](https://health.hawaii.gov/san/files/2013/05/11-10.pdf).
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| [Idaho](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health-wellness/environmental-health/safe-water) | **Board**: [Idaho Department of Health & Welfare](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health-wellness/environmental-health/safe-water)**Contact**: 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, ID 83702. Phone: 208-334-6582. Email: bceh@dhw.idaho.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators must have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or a similar certification program approved by the Director. More information can be found in the [Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations](https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/160214.pdf).
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| [Illinois](https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/swimming-facilities.html) | **Board**: [Illinois Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Protection – Swimming Facilities](https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/swimming-facilities.html)**Contact**: 525 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761. Phone: 217-782-5830. **Additional Information**:* Illinois does not currently license pool operators at the state level. They do have a voluntary certification program that many employers and insurance companies mandate for their employees. More information is available on the [Swimming Pool Operator Certification Manual](https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/publications/course-042716.pdf).
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| [Indiana](https://www.in.gov/health/eph/public-swimming-pool-and-spa-program/) | **Board**: [Indiana Department of Health – Environmental Public Health – Public Swimming Pool and Spa Program](https://www.in.gov/health/eph/public-swimming-pool-and-spa-program/)**Contact**: 2 N. Meridian St., 2-D, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone: 317-233-1325. Email: eph@isdh.in.gov. **Additional Information**:* Indiana does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.
* [Rules and Regulations for Swimming Pools](https://www.in.gov/health/eph/files/410_iac_6_2_1.pdf).
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| [Iowa](https://idph.iowa.gov/swimmingpoolsandspas) | **Board**: [Iowa Department of Public Health – Swimming Pools and Spas](https://idph.iowa.gov/swimmingpoolsandspas)**Contact**: 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Phone: 515-281-7689. [Online contact form](https://idph.iowa.gov/Contact-Us). **Additional Information**:* [Information on training certified operators](https://idph.iowa.gov/swimmingpoolsandspas/facility/operators).
* Pool operators must have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or a similar certification program approved by the department. More information can be found in the [Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/01-27-2021.641.15.pdf).
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| Kansas | Kansas does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Kentucky](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/emb/Pages/pools.aspx) | **Board**: [Kentucky Department of Health – Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Facilities Inspection Program](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/emb/Pages/pools.aspx)**Contact**: 275 E. Main St. HS1C-D, Frankfort, KY, 40621. Phone: 502-564-4856. [Online contact form](https://chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx). **Additional Information**:* [Public Swimming Rules and Regulations](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/902/010/120.pdf)
* Kentucky does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Local health departments handle the regulation of swimming pools. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.
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| [Louisiana](https://ldh.la.gov/page/416) | **Board**: [Louisiana Department of Health – Community Preparedness and Health Protection](https://ldh.la.gov/page/416)**Contact**: PO Box 4489, Bin 10 Box 6, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4489. Phone: 225-342-7508. Email: opcert@la.gov. **Additional Information**:* Louisiana doesn’t seem to have a specific license/certification for swimming pool operators. Louisiana does have certification for operators, which includes public water systems and/or sewage systems. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Water and Wastewater Certification](https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/operator/OperatorCertificationRule.pdf).
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| [Maine](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/el/pools.htm) | **Board**: [Maine Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Environmental and Community Health](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/el/pools.htm)**Contact**: 286 Water St., 3rd Foor, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Phone: 207-287-5671. **Additional Information**:* Main doesn’t license pool operators at the state level, but registration with the Department of Health and Human Services is required to operate public pools.
* [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/el/business/business-answers-pools.htm).
* [Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/el/site-files/rules/public-pool-spa-rules-08-04-10.doc) (Word Document Download).
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| [Maryland](https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/Home.aspx) | **Board**: [Maryland Department of Health](https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/Home.aspx)**Contact**: 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Phone: 410-767-6500. [Online contact form](https://health.maryland.gov/pages/contactus.aspx). **Additional Information**:* Maryland requires that every public pool have a certified pool operator, but local county health departments handle the applications and approval of pool operators. There is not a statewide application.
* More information can be found in the [rules of pool and spa operator certification](http://mdrules.elaws.us/comar/10.17.01.41).
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| [Massachusetts](https://www.mass.gov/lists/swimming-pools-community-sanitation) | **Board**: [Massachusetts Bureau of Environmental Health – Community Sanitation – Swimming Pools](https://www.mass.gov/lists/swimming-pools-community-sanitation)**Contact**: 250 Washington St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Phone: 617-624-5757. **Additional Information**:* Certification from the YMCA, National Swimming Pool Foundation, or any other organization approved by the Department is required for Pool Operators. More information available in the [Rules and Regulations for Swimming Pools](https://www.mass.gov/doc/105-cmr-435-state-sanitary-code-chapter-v-sanitary-standards-for-swimming-pools/download).
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| [Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/statelicensesearch/0%2C4671%2C7-180-24786-245047--%2C00.html) | **Board**: [Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division](https://www.michigan.gov/statelicensesearch/0%2C4671%2C7-180-24786-245047--%2C00.html)**Contact**: PO Box 30817, Lansing, MI 48909-8311. Phone: 517-284-6544. Email: OswaldE1@Michigan.gov. **Additional Information**:* Michigan requires that a person operating a public swimming pool needs a license from a local health department. More information can be found in the [statute for public swimming pools](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28jw0j25oookrd2tfvkfhqno54%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-333-12527).
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| [Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/recreation/pools/index.html) | **Board**: [Minnesota Department of Health – Public Swimming Pools](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/recreation/pools/index.html)**Contact**: PO Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975. Phone: 651-201-4503. Email: health.swimmingpools@state.mn.us. **Additional Information**:* [Minnesota certified pool operator certificate licensing information](https://mn.gov/elicense/a-z/?id=1083-231024#/list/appId//filterType//filterValue//page/1/sort//order/).
* [Pool operator statute](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4717.0650/).
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| [Mississippi](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/30%2C0%2C95%2C669.html) | **Board**: [Mississippi State Department of Health – Pool and Swimming Guidelines](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/30%2C0%2C95%2C669.html)**Contact**: 570 East Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39216. Phone: 601-576-7400. Email: web@HealthyMS.com. **Additional Information**:* Mississippi does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.
* [Swimming pool and spa sanitation guidelines](http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/resources/144.pdf).
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| Missouri | Missouri does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Montana](https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/fcss/swimmingpools/) | **Board**: [Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Swimming Pools, Spas, and Other Water Features](https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/fcss/swimmingpools/)**Contact**: 111 N. Sanders St., Helena, MT 59601. Phone: 406-444-5055. Email: hhsfcs@mt.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators must have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or an equivalent course approved by the department. More information can be found in the [Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations](https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/FCS/PublicSwimmingPools/CircularFCS3.pdf).
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| [Nebraska](http://dee.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/SP) | **Board**: [Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy – Swimming Pool Program](http://dee.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/SP)**Contact**: 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68521. Phone: 402-471-2186. Email: ndee.moreinfo@nebraska.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have certification from a Nebraska swimming pool operator’s training approved by the department. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations](https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-178/Chapter-02.pdf).
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| [Nevada](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Pools/Public_Bathing_Places_%28Pools___Spas%29_-_Home/) | **Board**: [Nevada Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public and Behavioral Health – Public Bathing Places (Pools & Spas)](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Pools/Public_Bathing_Places_%28Pools___Spas%29_-_Home/)**Contact**: 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway, Suite #657, Reno, NV 89512. Phone: 775-684-5280. Email: dpbh@health.nv.gov. [Online contact form](https://dpbh.nv.gov/contact/Feedback_%28DPBH%29/). **Additional Information**:* Pool operators must apply and receive an operating permit from the health authority. More information can be found in the [Nevada statutes for pools and spas](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Pools/dta/Statutes/Public_Bathing_Places_%28Pools___Spas%29_-_Statutes/).
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| [New Hampshire](https://www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/pools-and-spas) | **Board**: [New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services – Public Pools and Spas](https://www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/pools-and-spas)**Contact**: 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302-0095. Phone: 603-271-7108. Email: richard.wilson@des.nh.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators must have certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, or an equivalent program approved by the department. More information can be found in the [Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations](https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/env-wq1100-adptpstd.pdf).
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| [New Jersey](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/prb/) | **Board**: [New Jersey Department of Health – Public Recreational Bathing](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/prb/)**Contact**: PO Box 369, Trenton, NJ 08625-0369. Phone: 609-826-4935 x27. Email: prb@doh.nj.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators need to have certification from an organization approved by the Department of Health. More information can be found in the [Public Recreational Bathing Rules and Regulations](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/recbathing.pdf).
* [Frequently Asked Questions](https://nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/PRB%20FAQ.pdf?_gl=1*199cctd*_ga*MzI0OTkxMTc1LjE2NDQ5NDAwMjY.*_ga_5PWJJG6642*MTY0NDk0MDI4OC4xLjEuMTY0NDk0MDQ0Mi4w).
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| [New Mexico](https://www.env.nm.gov/pools/) | **Board**: [New Mexico Environment Department – Public Recreation Water Safety Section](https://www.env.nm.gov/pools/)**Contact**: 1190 St. Francis Drive, N4050, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-222-9500. Email: Aquatics.Program@state.nm.us. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to get an operating permit from the department. More information can be found in the Rules and Regulations for [Public Aquatic Venues](https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title07/07.018.0001.html).
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| [New York](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/swimming/) | **Board**: [New York Department of Health – Swimming Pools, Bathing Beaches, Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/swimming/) **Contact**: Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237. Phone: 518-402-7500. Email: bcehfp@health.ny.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators will need to complete the certification course from the New York State Department of Health or an adequate course of instruction approved by the department. More information can be found in the [rules and regulations](https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/section-6-12-definitions).
* [Qualified operator courses and certifications](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/swimming/docs/pool_water_treatment_operator.pdf).
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| [North Carolina](https://ehs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/faf/pti/pools.htm) | **Board**: [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services – Pools, Tattoos, and State Institutions](https://ehs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/faf/pti/pools.htm) **Contact**: 1632 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1632. Phone: 919-707-5854. [List of contact emails](https://ehs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/contacts.htm). **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have training and the state statute lists that a certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation would meet this requirement. More information can be found in the [statutes for public swimming pools](https://ehs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/docs/rules/294306-9-2500.pdf).
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| [North Dakota](https://deq.nd.gov/MF/OperatorCertification/) | **Board**: [North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality – Operator Certification and Training](https://deq.nd.gov/MF/OperatorCertification/)**Contact**: 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324. Phone: 701-328-5150. Email: deq@nd.gov. **Additional Information**:* North Dakota doesn’t seem to have a specific license/certification for swimming pool operators. North Dakota does have certification for operators, which includes public water systems and/or sewage systems. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Water and Wastewater Certification](https://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/pdf/33.1-19-01.pdf)
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| Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) | Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) does not offer territory-wide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Ohio](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/public-swimming-pools) | **Board**: [Ohio Department of Health – Public Swimming Pools](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/public-swimming-pools)**Contact**: 246 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Phone: 614-644-7438. [List of contacts](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/public-swimming-pools/about-us). **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have a license from the department. More information can be found in the [Rules for Licensees](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3701-31-04).
* Full list of [Swimming Pool Laws and Rules](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/public-swimming-pools/laws-and-rules).
* [Forms](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/public-swimming-pools/forms).
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| [Oklahoma](https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/public-bathing-places.html) | **Board**: [Oklahoma State Department of Health – Public Pools, Spas, Splash Pads](https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/consumer-health-service/public-bathing-places.html)**Contact**: 123 Robert S. Kerr Ave., Ste 1702, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Phone: 405-426-8250. Email: CHSLicensing@health.ok.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to receive a license from the State Commissioner of Health. More information can be found in the [Statute for Public Bathing Places](https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/health/health2/documents/cpd-public-bathing-place-act-title-63-1-1013.pdf).
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| [Oregon](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/RECREATION/POOLSLODGING/Pages/index.aspx) | **Board**: [Oregon Health Authority – Pools and Lodging](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/RECREATION/POOLSLODGING/Pages/index.aspx) **Contact**: 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 640, Portland, OR 97232. Phone: 971-673-0442. Email: brett.w.sherry@state.or.us. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have certification by an organization recognized by the Oregon Health Authority. More information can be found in the [Public Swimming Pools Statute from the Oregon Health Authority](https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=58193).
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| [Pennsylvania](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Bathing%20Places/Pages/Bathing%20Places.aspx) | **Board**: [Pennsylvania Department of Health – Public Bathing Places](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Bathing%20Places/Pages/Bathing%20Places.aspx)**Contact**: 30 Kline Plaza, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Phone: 717-787-4366. Email: RA-DHPUBLICBATHINGPL@pa.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to receive a permit from the Department of Health. More information can be found in the [Swimming and Bathing Places Laws and Regulations](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Bathing%20Places/Pages/Laws-and-Regulations.aspx).
* [Application to Operate a Public Bathing Place](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/Application%20to%20Operate%20a%20Public%20Bathing%20Place.pdf).
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| Puerto Rico | Puerto Rico does not offer territory-wide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Rhode Island](https://health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=160) | **Board**: [Rhode Island Department of Health – Licensed Swimming Pools Program](https://health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=160)**Contact**: 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Phone: 401-222-5960. Email: DOH.RIDWQ@health.ri.gov. **Additional Information**:* A license from the department is required to operate a public pool. More information can be found in the [regulations for licensing aquatic venues](https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-50-05-4).
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| [South Carolina](https://scdhec.gov/bow/swimming-pools-recreational-waters) | **Board**: [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control – Swimming Pools, Recreational Waters](https://scdhec.gov/bow/swimming-pools-recreational-waters)**Contact**: 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Phone: 803-898-4255. Email: abellt@dhec.sc.gov. [Online contact form](https://iqconnect.lmhostediq.com/iqextranet/EForm.aspx?__cid=SC_DHEC&__fid=100005). **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have certification from a department approved organization. More information can be found in the [Regulations for Public Swimming Pools](https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/R.61-51.pdf).
* [List of approved pool operator certifications](https://scdhec.gov/sc-pool-operator-record).
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| [South Dakota](https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx) | **Board**: [South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources – Water and Wastewater Operator Certification](https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/OperatorCert/default.aspx)**Contact**: 523 East Capitol Ave., Foss Building, Pierre, SD 57501-3181. Phone: 605-773-4208. Email: rob.kittay@state.sd.us. **Additional Information**:* South Dakota doesn’t seem to have a specific license/certification for swimming pool operators. South Dakota does have certification for operators, which includes public water systems and/or sewage systems. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Water and Wastewater Certification](https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/27186).
* [Water & Wastewater Operator Certification pamphlet](https://danr.sd.gov/OfficeOfWater/DrinkingWater/docs/OperatorCert/OpCert%20Summary.pdf).
* Water recreational facilities are also a part of the lodging establishment license. More information can be found on the [South Dakota Department of Health website](https://doh.sd.gov/food/restaurants-lodging/licensure/lodging.aspx). Licensed lodging establishments may have their own standards for pool operators.
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| [Tennessee](https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/eh-program/eh-pools.html) | **Board**: [Tennessee Department of Health – Division of Environmental Health – Public Swimming Pools](https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/eh-program/eh-pools.html) **Contact**: 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243. Phone: 615-741-7206. Email: tn.health@tn.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have a permit issued by the Commissioner. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Public Swimming Pools](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/1200-23-05.pdf).
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| [Texas](https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/poolspa/) | **Board**: [Texas Department of State Health Services – Public Swimming Pools and Spas](https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/poolspa/)**Contact**: PO Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714-9347. Phone: 512-834-6788. Email: Katie.Moore@dshs.texas.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to be trained and certified. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Public Swimming Pools](https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/poolspa/pdf/DSHS-20-0011_-_Public_Swimming_Pools_and_Spas_%28EC_Approved_Preamble_and_Rules_-_Adoption%29.pdf).
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| Utah | More information is available at the [top of this page](#_top). |
| Vermont | Vermont does not offer statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| Virgin Islands | Virgin Islands does not offer territory-wide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. Individual municipalities may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.  |
| [Virginia](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/pool-spa-safety/) | **Board**: [Virginia Department of Health – Environmental Health – Pool & Spa Safety](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/pool-spa-safety/)**Contact**: PO Box 2448, Richmond, VA 23218. Phone: 804-864-7454. [Email directory](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/contact-us/). **Additional Information**:* Virginia doesn’t seem to offer a mandatory statewide licensure for Certified Pool Operators. The Virginia Department of Health does offer training for pool operators in some localities. Local health departments may have licensing/registration requirements. Requirements may vary from town to town.
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| [Washington](https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WaterRecreation/RegulatedFacilities) | **Board**: [Washington State Department of Health – Community and Environment – Water Recreation](https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WaterRecreation/RegulatedFacilities)**Contact**: [List of offices and addresses](https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/BusinessHoursandLocations). Phone: 360-236-4501. [Online contact form](https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinio/s?s=DOHFeedback). **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to have an operating permit issued by the department or local health officer. More information can be found in the [legislature for water recreation facilities](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-260).
* [Resources for pool owners and operators](https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/WaterRecreation/RegulatedFacilities/OwnerandOperator).
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| [West Virginia](https://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/pools/index.asp) | **Board**: [West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources – Recreational Water Facilities](https://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/pools/index.asp)**Contact**: One Davis Square, Suite 100 East, Charleston, WV 25301. Phone: 304-558-0684. Email: DHHRSecretary@wv.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to be certified and get an operating permit from the Commissioner. More information can be found in the [Rules for Recreational Water Facilities](https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=8316&Format=PDF).
* Additional information on [approved certification classes](https://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/pools/operator.asp).
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| [Wisconsin](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WaterRecreation.aspx) | **Board**: [Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection – Public Swimming Pools](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WaterRecreation.aspx) **Contact**: 2811 Agriculture Dr., PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. Phone: 608-224-4923. Email: datcpdfslicensing@wi.gov​. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to be certified and get a water attraction operator permit. More information can be found in the [Rules and Regulations for Public Swimming Pools](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/055/76/iii/20).
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| [Wyoming](http://wyagric.state.wy.us/divisions/chs/pools) | **Board**: [Wyoming Department of Agriculture – Consumer Health Services - Pools](http://wyagric.state.wy.us/divisions/chs/pools)**Contact**: 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0100. Phone: 307-777-7321. Email: wda1@wyo.gov. **Additional Information**:* Pool operators are required to get a license from the department. More information can be found in the [Wyoming Swimming Pool and Spa Health and Safety Act](http://wyagric.state.wy.us/images/stories/pdf/chs/poollaw.pdf).
* Information on [Wyoming CPO training](https://www.cpowyoming.com/course-info/).
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