

# City of Ithaca

## Office of Human Resources / Civil Service

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### JOB APPLICATIONS WANTED

**TITLE:** Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator

**LOCATION:** Department of Public Works - Water Plant

**SALARY:** \$58,482, with subsequent increases to \$70,179

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is the chief administrative, supervisory and technical position of the Water Treatment Plant. The incumbent is responsible for the complete and actual safe and efficient operation and maintenance of a Type I A Water Treatment Plant containing facilities for filtration with pretreatment and the discharge of back wash and sedimentation basin waste. The Chief Operator also has the technical and administrative responsibility for the management of the City watershed area including, but not necessarily limited to, water quality control issues. In this capacity, the incumbent will take into account the needs of private land owners, state and federal regulations, local planning boards and regulatory agencies on all water quality, land use planning, storm water runoff, wetland control and other water resources management issues affecting the watershed area. General supervision is received from the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works with considerable leeway for the exercise of independent judgment in planning, organizing and directing the work methods and in dealing with emergency conditions. Direct supervision is exercised over operators, trainees, laboratory personnel, truck drivers and maintenance workers. The Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator must possess the required certificate for a Type I A plant which he or she supervises in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Operator" in Section 5-4.2. Does related work as required.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Possession of a New York State Professional Engineer's License or graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in engineering, natural science or a closely related field and two years of satisfactory experience in the actual operation of a water treatment plant with facilities for filtration with pretreatment or chemical softening, or an similar process; and completion of the appropriate level water treatment plant operator courses in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Operator" in Section 5-4.2; or
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two year college with an Associate's Degree in applied science with major emphasis in Public Health or Environmental Health, including a course in water operations and four years of satisfactory experience in the actual operation of a water treatment plant with facilities for filtration with pretreatment, or chemical softening, or any similar process; and completion of the appropriate level water treatment plant operator courses in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Operator" in Section 5-4.2; or
- C. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State two year college with an Associate's Degree in applied science and six years of satisfactory experience in the actual operation of a water treatment plant with facilities for filtration with pretreatment, or chemical softening, or any similar process and completion of the appropriate level water treatment plant operator courses in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Operator" in Section 5-4.2; or

- D. Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State Equivalency Diploma and ten years of satisfactory experience in the actual operation of a water treatment plant with facilities for filtration with pretreatment, or a chemical softening, or any similar process and completion of the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Operator" in Section 5-4.2.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Possession of a current Grade 1A Water Treatment Plant Operator certificate issued by the New York State Department of Health pursuant to Part 5, Subpart 5-4.2 of the New York State Sanitary Code at the time of appointment and maintenance of said certification for the duration of employment.

**EXAM REQUIREMENTS:** A civil service exam will be given at a later date.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** There are no residency requirements for this position.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- City of Ithaca application
- Copy of high school and college transcripts
- Copy of NYS Grade 1A Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate

Applications must be received by the City of Ithaca Human Resources Department no later than 4:30 PM EST on the last filing date indicated below. Postmarks are not accepted. All applications must be original applications, either hard copy or electronically submitted through our online application program. We do not accept faxed applications, e-mailed applications or photocopies of applications.

Submit required application materials by April 6, 2020:

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Web site: <https://ithaca-portal.mycivilservice.com>

The City of Ithaca is committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

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