

What training and certifications are offered by the DEQ regarding Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Construction Storm Water?

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment offers combined training and certification programs for the [Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control \(SESC\) Program](#) and the [Construction Storm Water Program](#). Details are listed in the table below:

Certification Type	Description	Certification Process for New Applicants	Renewal Process
Construction Storm Water Operator (CSWO) Certification	For sites disturbing one or more acres of land and that have a point source discharge to surface waters of the state, the soil erosion control measures on the site must be under the specific supervision and control of a CSWO.	<p>Combined Training and Dual Certification:</p> <p>The CSWO/SESC Inspector training is offered at various locations and dates throughout the state for a fee of \$75. The training consists of viewing a DVD, class discussion, and taking an exam. You are required to read Units 1-5 of the CSWO and SESC Inspector/Comprehensive Training Manual prior to coming to class.</p>	The CSWO certificate of training is good for five years and currently can be automatically extended in five year increments by completing and returning a certification renewal form to the department.
SESC Inspector Certification	An individual trained as an SESC Inspector ensures that the prescribed SESC measures are implemented and maintained per plan . These individuals usually work for a County or Municipal Enforcing Agency or an Authorized Public Agency	You may register for the CSWO/SESC Inspector training by completing the registration form and returning it and \$75 to the Cashier's Office at the address indicated on the form at least 15 business days before the training date.	The certification expires in 5 years and you must attend the class to re-take the test.



<p>SESC Comprehensive Certification</p>	<p>Individuals with this training can conduct all of the activities of an SESC inspector, plus they can develop, modify or approve SESC plans, issue permits and conduct enforcement actions. Each Part 91 agency (CEA, MEA, APA) must have at least one person certified at this level. Most have 2 or more to cover workload.</p>	<p>The classroom training is offered at limited locations and dates. The classroom training consists of a six hour presentation focusing primarily on information presented in Units 6, 7, and 8 plus Appendix 1 of the CSWO and SESC Inspector/Comprehensive Training Manual and a three-hour exam on a subsequent day. The comprehensive exam covers information presented in the <u>entire</u> manual. The fee for this training option is \$225 which includes the class and the exam. You may register by completing the Classroom registration form and returning it and the appropriate fee to the Cashier's Office indicated on the form at least 15 business days before the training date.</p>	<p>Most SESC Comprehensive Certification renewal candidates can self-study and take the exam for \$75. This option requires that you study the CSWO and SESC Inspector/Comprehensive Training Manual in its entirety on your own and then take the exam at one of the pre-arranged Self-Study SESC Comprehensive exam locations. Prior to taking the exam, you will be shown a DVD which focuses on the inspector elements of the exam (Units 1-5). The comprehensive exam covers information presented in the <u>entire</u> manual. Register for Self-Study by completing the Self-Study registration form. Renewal candidates can also choose to take the classroom training for renewal (\$225).</p>
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Note 1: For exam purposes, you will not be expected to complete the engineering calculations associated with the SESC Best Management Practices (BMPs) in Appendix 1, but you are expected to have general knowledge regarding where and how to install those BMPs.

Note 2: The comprehensive SESC exam consists of two parts; the first part covers information presented specifically in Units 1-5 of the [CSWO and SESC Inspector/Comprehensive Training Manual](#) and the second part covers information presented throughout the entire manual with emphasis placed on Units 6-8 and Appendix 1. You must pass both parts of the comprehensive exam with a score of 70% or higher to receive a comprehensive SESC training certificate. If you fail either part you will have to retake the entire exam (not just the part you failed).

Note 3: Prior to registering for the CSWO and/or SESC training, you should discuss with your supervisor the type and level of training required for your job duties. Your employer may require a higher level of training than the minimum required by the Department.

Note 4: If you fail the exam (minimum passing score is 70%), you will have to re-register (and re-pay) for a subsequent class.