

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title/s:

Wastewater Plant Operator

Job description:

Operating industrial or municipal effluent/wastewater treatment plants; sampling, laboratory analysis, identification of micro-organisms through microscopy, equipment calibration, operation and monitoring of treatment plant.

Qualifications required:

Useful school subjects:

Biology

Maths

Chemistry

Physics

No age restrictions

Training costs:

Met by employer

Location of job:

Nationwide (and Worldwide)

Career path:

Enter as a Modern Apprentice and work towards your National Certificate in Wastewater Treatment.

Salary range:

Entry Level \$25,000 per annum

To Plant supervisor (National Diploma/Degree graduate) up to \$70,000 per annum

Other careers this profession could lead to:

Water Treatment Plant Operator

Environmental Officer

Trade Waste Officer

Consulting Engineer

Utility Manager

Tips on how to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry:

Have an interest in, and achieve well in science subjects at school.

Have an interest in the environment.

Be able to work both on your own and as part of a team.

Be a practical, hands-on person.

Websites to source information about this job:

www.waterit.ac.nz

Other relevant points:

A job in the Wastewater Industry is full of stimulating challenges, in a remarkably clean and odourless environment.
There are strong social and technical networks in the industry.
People in this industry are incredibly dedicated and passionate about their work.