



## Why Certification and Recertification Matter

**CWT.** Those three simple letters after your name add a particular cachet to your professionalism. The CWT designation assures potential and current clients that they have one of the industry's best working for them.

### **What does it mean to be a Certified Water Technologist (CWT)?**

Simply put, CWT is the standard of excellence. Individuals with this status have personally committed themselves to distinction in the water treatment industry. These water treatment experts have passed AWT's CWT examination - a rigorous, 200-question, proctored test that covers all aspects of water treatment technology, from best practices to regulatory compliance and safety. Someone with the CWT designation has been employed as a water treatment professional for a minimum of five years. And, every CWT has signed a 13-part Declaration of Ethics, agreeing that the principles of honesty, integrity, commitment to conservation of resources, and excellence will govern every business relationship they forge.

### **Why is recertification important?**

Investing in certification requires that an individual promotes and values learning and continuing education. CWT's must maintain their credential by recertifying every five years. This ensures they are always up-to-date on emerging technologies and practices. Given the pace of social, technological, professional and disciplinary change, permanent certification is an insufficient guarantee of career-long competence. Recertification is a means to sustain proficiency, motivation and public trust; it allows the customer to see that your commitment to learning doesn't end once you become certified.

### **Why CWT?**

Attaining your CWT provides professional recognition for individuals involved in water treatment and technology to indicate to the general public, co-workers, employers and others that you have achieved a high level of experience, knowledge and education in the industry. The CWT designation assures that water professionals possess a core body of knowledge and have extensive professional experience in all aspects of water treatment. Those three simple letters let people know you possess:

- Expert, up-to-date knowledge
- Experience and reputation
- Ethics Beyond Question

Start on the path to becoming a CWT today! Contact Angela Pike at (240) 404-6477.