

Qualified Pool Operator (QPO) Requirement

A **Qualified Swimming Pool Treatment Operator** is defined as an individual who has successfully completed an adequate course of instruction regarding the safe and effective operation and maintenance of pool treatment equipment. In order to obtain certification, a candidate must pass a final written examination that demonstrates the ability to apply the knowledge and skills gained from course participation. Certification received as of January 1, 1996 shall remain valid for a period of five years from date of issue unless sooner revoked for cause.

Courses currently approved include the following:

- New York State Department of Health Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification Course Type A or B
- National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF) Certified Pool/Spa Operators Course
- YMCA Pool Operator on Location (P.O.O.L.) Course;
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) - Aquatic Councils Pool Chemistry and Maintenance Course.
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) Course.

Organizations currently offering training in one of the above approved courses include the following:

- Suffolk County Community College: (631) 548-2505
- Dowling College: (631) 244-3000
- American Pool Consultants: (516) 798-5645
- Pool Operation Management: (800) 922-0530
- Commercial Clearwater Company, Inc: (516) 294-7985
- Leslie's Pool Supply: (631) 567-2530