

Criteria for competent sampler

Drainage Services Department (DSD) will accept a person to carry out sampling in connection with application for COD reassessment only when he/she:

1. has been under employment of an accredited laboratory for at least one month and satisfactorily completed the required training provided by approved trainer(s) of the same accredited laboratory, which should include at least six relevant sampling exercises spreading over a period of not shorter than one month;
2. has either attained Level 2 or equivalent (Note iii) or above in five subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSEE), or equivalent; or Level 2 (Note iv) / Grade E or above in five subjects in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE), or equivalent; or has at least 2 years of relevant experience in taking trade effluent samples in connection with application for COD reassessment;
3. is included in the competent samplers list submitted by the accredited laboratory to DSD; and
4. is not engaged in other work or employment with the applicant or any wastewater treatment contractors, which could create or potentially give rise to a conflict or potential conflict between their personal/financial interests and their duties in connection with this application.

Notes

- (i) DSD will instruct the accredited laboratory to delete from the competent samplers list any sampler who commits an act that casts doubt on the integrity of representative sampling in connection with COD reassessment application. DSD will also instruct the accredited laboratory to delete any sampler that repeatedly commits acts of incompetence during sampling in connection with COD reassessment application.
- (ii) Competent samplers that have not worked in connection with the laboratory's applications for COD reassessment for 1 year or more must be removed from the competent samplers list and will not be allowed to participate in sampling unless refresher training as stated in item 1 above is provided by the laboratory.
- (iii) 'Attained with Distinction' and 'Attained with Distinction (I)' in Applied Learning subjects (subject to a maximum of two Applied Learning subjects), and Grade C in Other Language subjects in the HKDSEE are accepted as equivalent to Level 3 in the New Senior Secondary subjects in the HKDSEE. 'Attained' in Applied Learning subjects (subject to a maximum of two Applied Learning subjects), and Grade E in Other Language subjects in the HKDSEE are accepted as equivalent to Level 2 in the New Senior Secondary subjects in the HKDSEE.
- (iv) 'Grade C' and 'Grade E' in Chinese Language and English Language (Syllabus B) in the HKCEE before 2007 are accepted administratively as comparable to 'Level 3' and 'Level 2' respectively in Chinese Language and English Language in the 2007 HKCEE and henceforth.