

HIRING OPPORTUNITY: CITY OF WATERTOWN

DEPARTMENT: Water

POSITION TITLE: Water Distribution System Operator

SALARY RANGE: \$58,176 - \$76,611

THIS IS A COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE POSITION.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a competitive title in the classified civil service. Appointment will be on a **provisional** basis only. To be eligible for permanent status, the individual accepting appointment will be required to pass a civil service exam and score among the top three.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is the second level in the Water Distribution series and is responsible for ensuring the safe, sanitary and efficient operation of the water distribution system. Responsibilities include oversight and participation in the construction of new water distribution system installations and for the development and implementation of a water leak detection program, hydrant flushing program, and other sanitation programs. The incumbent does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the NYS Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's Degree or higher in Engineering Science or construction or water sciences technology; or closely related field; and 3 years of experience in the operation and maintenance of a distribution system serving 1000 or more people; or

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and 5 years of experience in the operation and maintenance of a distribution system serving 1000 people or more.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROMOTION:

(A) Two (2) years experience as a Water Maintenance Mechanic; or

(B) Three (3) years experience in an engineering, technical, plumbing, or mechanical position.

DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENT:

Must possess and maintain a valid NYS Driver's License.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT:

Applicant must possess Grade D Water Distribution Operator Certificate at time of appointment or within 1 year of appointment. Must maintain certification for continued employment.

HOW TO APPLY: Apply through the online portal: <https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 02/28/2026

Email civilservice@watertown-ny.gov for a complete job description.