



Western Facility Operator Master Certificate (WFOMC)

The Canadian Recreation Facilities Council (Western Division) has developed the Facility Operator Master Certificate. The certification recognizes recreation facility professionals who have met specific education and training requirements. The certification encourages facility operators and professionals to develop and enhance their skills and abilities in areas that will benefit themselves, their employer, their career and the facility which they operate. The goal of the certification is to work towards achieving 5 designations, which include general operator, pool operator, arena operator, park operator and supervisor operator. The certificate is intended to meet the need for trained operators and their efficient operation of facilities. Once a designation is completed, facility operators and professionals are able to take their training in any western province/ territory and have it recognized anywhere in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nunavit and the Northwest Territories. Once completed all 5 designations the professional will be recognized as a Master Facility Operator.

Benefits of a Facility Operator Master Certificate

- Provide facility operators and professionals the opportunity to pursue an individual designation or designations toward a facility operator master certification.
- To help guide provincial associations in the creation of new courses specific to their membership and western standards.
- To help potential employers in the selection of a candidate with the recognized skills.
- Set short and long term professional development plans for staff.
- Facility operators and professionals can enhance their skills and knowledge in topics relevant to their career.
- Provide flexibility for recreation professionals to move to another western province/territory without having to become re-certified.

Facility Operator Master Certificate Designations

The Facility Operator Master Certification committee members of the CRFC (Western Division) have developed the flowing 6 designations as curriculum standards. Complete 5 designations to be awarded the Master Certificate:

WFOMC Course Designation	RFABC Course Equivalent
1. Facility Operator General Designation	
• First Aid/CPR	From recognized course provider
• WHIMIS	From recognized course provider
• AED	From recognized course provider
• Custodial Maintenance	Building Service Worker Level I – Foundation
2. Facility Operator Pool Designation	
• Pool Operator Level 1	Swimming Pool Operator I
• Pool Operator Level 2	Swimming Pool Operator II

3. Facility Operator Arena Designation	
• Arena Level 1	Arena Ice Makers
• Arena Level 2	Ice Facility Operator
4. Facility Operator Parks Designation	
• Parks Level 1	Park & Sportfield Level I (under development)
• Parks Level 2	Park & Sportfield Level II (under development)
5. Facility Operator Supervisor Designation	
• Supervisor Skill	Supervisory Skills
• Risk Management	Risk Management for Recreation Professionals
6. Building Maintenance Designation	5 th Class Power Engineer

Western Provincial Course Comparison

It has been determined that all core content pertaining to the western provinces/territories is similar enough in theory and hands on components to grant equivalency into Facility Operator Master Certificate program.

Facility Operator Master Certificate Guidelines

Grandfathering

Grandfather clauses for individuals who already have completed the necessary courses will be allowed to start on their designations immediately. Grandfathering will only be granted to those certified as of the year 2002 and on. The reasoning for the selection of the year 2002 is based on the most updated, quality course core content provided by each western province and territory. Individuals, who have completed courses prior to 2002, will be required to write an equivalent exam for the courses they wish to be recognized for.

Provincial Government Criteria

Individuals will still have to meet all necessary provincially governed criteria from the province that they transfer to. Each provincial/territorial association will be responsible for the competency of each trained individual therefore, accepting the liability of the trained individual.

Western Province/Territory Certificate Administration

- Facility operators and professionals will apply to his or her applicable provincial/territorial association for consideration.
- A fee of \$50.00 for administration will be charged to each applicant to cover the printing of the certificates, mail out and designation completion stickers
- Each provincial/territorial association will be responsible for developing and maintaining a Facility Operator Master Certification database
- In the case of relocation, the participant will notify the association of the transfer and at that time the file would then be forwarded to the applicable province/territory.
- Each provincial/territorial association will be responsible for the competency of each trained individual therefore, accepting the liability of the trained individual by signing a letter of agreement.

Summary

The Western Certificate is a very important step in the development of the Western provincial/territorial Associations. This will enhance the development and growth of the provincial/ territorial Associations for their memberships. It will strengthen the link between the Western provincial/territorial associations and it will show we are the true leaders in educational development for our respective associations.