



**CITY OF TAUNTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

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**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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**Water Treatment Plant Relief Operator  
DPW WATER DIVISION**

The Department of Public Works Water Division has an opening for a Water Treatment Plant Relief Operator who works under the general supervision of the Chief Operator. This position is included in the Laborers' Local 1144A Union.

**PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various type of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.*

1. Participates in the daily operation, repair and maintenance of the City's Water Treatment Plant equipment and machinery to provide safe and potable drinking water in accordance with Federal and State regulations as well as department operating practices.
2. Performs skilled and semi-skilled duties required for the proper operation of a public water treatment facility; operates controls and electric motors, pumps and valves to regulate and control water flow rates and levels.
3. Assists in the collection and testing of samples for water quality and making adjustments as necessary; enters data into the department's computer system; refills chemical harpers, loads and unloads chemicals to machines as necessary.
4. Keeps detailed and accurate written and computer records of testing and facility maintenance activities.
5. Attends training sessions as required to maintain abreast of updates or changes in occupational safety requirements as well as treatment procedures and practices.
6. Participates in the maintenance of the treatment plant facility and the facility's immediate grounds and walkways.
7. Maintains satellite pumping stations as part of the water distribution system.
8. Keeps detailed and accurate written and computer records of testing and facility maintenance activities; also documents spills and accidents around the watershed.
9. Attends meeting sessions as required to maintain abreast of updates/changes in occupational safety requirements as well as treatment/watershed procedures and practices.
10. Observes and reports debris or unusual at the required reservoirs, dams and associated roadways.
11. Shall be able to observe for the protection and maintenance of Lake Assawompsett and Elders Pond watershed. He/she shall monitor the following activities on development, construction, and violations regarding watershed land use, hunting, boating and fishing.

**EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:**

Associate's Degree or journeyman's level of trade knowledge and/or five to seven (5-7) years prior work experience in a water treatment facility and one to three (1-3) years in a supervisory capacity and/or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. Position must have a Massachusetts Grade 4 Drinking Water Treatment (or a Grade 3 with a Grade 4 obtained within one year of employment) License. All candidates are expected to hold a Massachusetts Grade 4 Drinking Water License within 24 months of appointment regardless. This position will be expected to cover other day shifts, night shifts, scheduled vacations and other vacancies with reasonable advance notice being one week. The foundation of this position is to have a qualified operator available to cover any short or long term vacancies, vacations, or

other situations that require additional operations support and to assist other operators with plant operation tasks and maintenance activities. This position is required to work beyond normal business hours at nights or on weekends in accordance with the department work schedule and in response to natural and man-made emergencies on a 24/7 basis, 365 days per year. Must complete a CORI check.

**SALARY:** Grade V, Step 1: \$29.13 per hour, plus a water license incentive of \$.50 per hour per license.

**Full job description available in the Human Resources Department.**

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application, in confidence, by March 14, 2022 or until filled to:

[hrjobs@taunton-ma.gov](mailto:hrjobs@taunton-ma.gov)

or

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