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Good day,

I was presented with this question by my director Laurie Pierce and I felt the need to run it through you before responding. I view it as any one that does not hold a OIT or possessed a certification. Your definition of this line item would be appreciated.

The only comment I have is in regard to the definition of a “Newly Certified Operator”. All other references to this term indicate that this individual has earned their Operator Certificate, but the definition states that a *“Newly certified operator” means an operator does not hold a valid Washington state wastewater operator certification. Existing certified operators who upgrade, by exam, to a higher certification level or upgrade their OIT certification to a full certification are not newly certified operators.* Is this just referring to the fact that they don’t have possession of the certificate yet? Or, does it imply that newly certified operators are not considered Operators for some time after they have passed their exams?

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