

What are the requirements to become a QSD or QSP?

QSD Qualifications: (Effective Now)	QSP Qualifications: (Effective Now)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Registered Civil Engineer* ■ Registered Professional Geologist* ■ Registered Landscape Architect ■ Registered Professional Hydrologist ■ Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) ■ Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ) ■ Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control registered through NICET <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Must attend a state-sponsored or approved training course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Pass the QSD exam with a score of $\geq 70\%$</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Be a QSD or obtain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Certified Erosion, Sediment, and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI) ■ Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control (CISEC) <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Must attend a state-sponsored or approved training course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Pass the QSD or QSP exam with a score of $\geq 70\%$</p>

*As of July 1, 2013, professional civil engineers, geologists or engineering geologists licensed by the California Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists (CBPELSG) may register for a QSD certification via two methods:

1) *California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) State Water Board Approved Process, which requires classroom instruction by a ToR, an online exam, and allows for certified QSDs and QSPs to be listed in a searchable database. WRECO provides the classroom instruction necessary for this method. For more information on this method, please call (925) 941-0017 x218.*

2) *The Storm Water Monitoring and Reporting Tracking System (SMARTS) certification is a self-directed training using resources from the SWRCB and the Sacramento State College Office of Water Programs (OWP). Licensees are bound by statutes and bylaws to either know how to perform their professional work or to preclude themselves from doing that work. For more information on this method, please contact the help desk at stormwater @waterboards.ca.gov.*

Note that this new SMARTS method is only applicable for licensed professionals who have, or otherwise obtained the professional work experience for QSD certification. Licensed professionals seeking QSP certification are still required to obtain 12.5 hours of classroom training, pass an online exam, and register through CASQA.

If you are not a licensed Professional civil engineer, geologist, or engineering geologist and want to become a QSD or QSP, you must utilize method (1) to obtain your certification.