

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division

Watershed Protection Branch Drinking Water Program
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Instructions for Completing an Application for Water Well Driller License
Current Water Well Driller License Period (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015)

All licenses will be due for renewal in 2015.

THE APPLICATION: MUST BE ORIGINAL, SIGNED, AND NOTARIZED.

Page 1:

Section 1. All information shall be completed in this section.

Page 2:

Section 2. List any society, institute, or trade association memberships here.

Section 3. List any other qualifications or honors here.

Section 4. This must be submitted when the application is submitted. The preferred type of proof of experience is a certified affidavit from a licensed water well driller. Affidavits from licensed drillers in other states can be accepted. Other types of proof are accepted. Contact the Michael Gillis, EPD's Source Water Assessment Program, for more information.

Page 3:

Affidavit of Applicant. This page must be signed by the applicant. This page should be notarized and sealed.

Please mail the completed application, proof of experience, and the application fee of \$100.00 made payable to *Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division* to the address given on the first page of the application.

THE PROCESS: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE APPROVED BY THE WWSAC

Once we have verified the information given in the application, we will place the documents in a folder and hold the application for the review by the Water Well Standards Advisory Council (WWSAC). The Council meets three times a year.

AFTER APPROVAL: COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Once the Council has approved the application, we will contact you and ask you to submit your examination results, the license fee (\$400.00), and a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit for \$20,000. The current license period is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The renewal period begins March 1, 2015. The fee for renewal of licenses and for new licenses submitted for the 2013 through 2015 period is \$400.00. The license fee for licenses issued for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 will be \$200.00. All checks must be made payable to: Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

Required Testing: All applicants must take the required written examinations (given by the National Groundwater Association through PSI / Lasergrade). To find out about the National Groundwater Association examinations, go to this website:

<http://www.ngwa.org/Professional-Resources/certifications-exams/contractors/> .

To find out about the PSI / Lasergrade testing centers for the specific examinations, use this website: <http://www.psiexams.com> . When registering for an examination, use “Certification / Professional Organization” as Select Organization and then select “National Ground Water Association” from the drop-down list for the Sponsor Name.

There are three required examinations. All applicants must take (1) the general drilling exam plus (2) at least **one additional drilling-method specific** exam plus (3) a State of Georgia Water Well Standards Law examination. For the drilling-method specific exam, you should choose the drilling method you are most familiar with. A minimum passing of grade of 70 is required for each exam.

The performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit: You must provide one of these two documents. Your name must appear on the document and the document must be original. See templates for more detail. The performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit must be made payable to: Director, Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

THE LICENSE: Once all of the required documents and information have been received, we will add you to the Georgia Licensed Water Well Driller list, assign a number and issue the license.

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Application for A License To Practice As A Water Well Contractor

Date Application Fee Paid:		Date Application Approved:	
Date License Fee Paid:		Date Application Denied:	
Date Examination Fee Paid:			
General Exam Score:		Drill Method Exam Score:	
State Law Exam Score:		Exam(s) Date(s):	
Water Well Contractor License Number		Water Well Contractor License Issue Date:	
Reason(s) Denied:	<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient or material misstatement on Application <input type="checkbox"/> Non-payment of Fee(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Experience insufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Bond / Letter of Credit insufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Failed Examination(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Complaints <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Council Concurrence by:		EPD Concurrence by:	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

Information must be printed in ink or typewritten

1. General Information

Applicant Name:			
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Company Name:			
Affiliation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Business Address:			
	Street	City	State ZIP Code
Mailing Address:			
	Street or PO BOX	City	State ZIP Code
Residence Address:			
	Street	City	State ZIP Code
Telephone:			
	Business	Mobile	Home
Birth Date and Place of Birth:			
	Birthdate	Birthplace	

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2. MEMBERSHIP IN TECHNICAL SOCIETIES, INSTITUTES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Name of Organization	Grade of Membership	Date Joined	Current Member?

3. OTHER QUALIFICATIONS or HONORS

4. EXPERIENCE IN WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS

Present a certified affidavit from a licensed water well contractor that you (the applicant) have had at least two years of water well construction experience under said licensed contractor. In lieu of the method described above, a presentation to the council, at the council's request, of satisfactory proof of equivalent value, which, at the council's option may be accepted on an individual basis.

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AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

State of: _____

County of: _____

Being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I, the applicant named in this application, have read the contents hereof, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements contained in this application are true in substance and effect and are made in good faith.

Signature of Applicant

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature and Seal of Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

NOTE: A check or money order in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the Director, Environmental Protection Division must be attached to cover the application fee. The completed application should be mailed to the following address:

WATER WELL STANDARDS COORDINATOR
Environmental Protection Division – Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1362
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS TAKING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

All applicants for a written examination are required to take the Georgia State Law Test, the National Groundwater Association general drilling examination and at least one of the following examinations. Please indicate which examination category(ies) you wish to take: (check any that apply)

- (a) Cable Tool Drilling in Unconsolidated Material
- (b) Cable Tool Drilling in Rock
- (c) Air Rotary Drilling in Unconsolidated Material
- (d) Air Rotary Drilling in Rock Material
- (e) Mud Rotary Drilling in Unconsolidated Material
- (GL) National Groundwater Association General Drilling examination
- (SL) Georgia State Water Well Standards Act Law examination
- (f) Mud Rotary Drilling in Rock
- (g) Reverse Rotary Drilling in Unconsolidated Material
- (h) Jetting and Drilling Wells in Unconsolidated Material
- (i) Boring and Augering in Unconsolidated Material

**Georgia Water Well Standards Advisory Council
Fee and Penalty Schedule
Water Well Contractors**

Item	Fees	Remarks
(1) New Application Fee	\$100.00	No application will be kept on file longer than 12 months.
(2) Examination Fee (written)	varies	Written exams for licensure are given through the National Ground Water Association (www.ngwa.org). Cost per exam is \$75.00.
(3) Examination Fee (practical)	\$800.00 per exam	The applicant would need to demonstrate exceptional need to the Water Well Advisory Council in order to approve a practical examination.
(4) License Fee	\$200.00 per year	\$400.00 per licensing period (This is a two-year license.)
(5) Late Fee (0 to 3 months)	\$250.00	
(6) Late Fee (3 to 6 months)	\$500.00	
(7) Late Fee (more than 6 months)	\$650.00	
(8) License Duplication Fee	\$10.00	
(9) Inspection Penalty 1 valid complaint per year	None	
2 valid complaints per year	Increase bond x 2 for five years	
more than 2 valid complaints per year	Increase bond to \$50,000 for five years	
5 or more valid complaints in 2 years	Increase bond to \$50,000 for ten years; require re- exam for next license renewal.	
(10) Loaning of License First Offense	License suspension or revocation.	
Second Offense	Permanent license revocation.	

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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PERFORMANCE BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT DOCUMENTS

1. Once your application is approved, you will be required to provide a performance bond **or** an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$20,000 made payable to the *Director, Environmental Protection Division*, using the language on the templates (attached).
2. Please make sure you are using the correct template. The water well drillers' performance bond should have this wording at the top of the form: PERFORMANCE BOND FOR WATER WELL CONTRACTORS AND DRILLERS. The water well drillers' irrevocable letter of credit should have this wording at the top of the form: WATER WELL CONTRACTORS AND DRILLERS IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT. Provide your bonding company or bank with the draft templates included.
3. Your name **MUST** be included on the performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit, as well as your company name. **Forms with only your company name will not be accepted and a license will not be issued.** The wording should read "Applicant's Name doing business as Company Name" (example: **JOHN DOE D/B/A JOHN DOE WATER WELLS**). If you are working as an individual, you can submit the performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit with only your name. These forms were drafted by the Attorney General's office, and we do not have the authority to alter the language. We will not issue a license if the performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit is not worded as shown above.
4. Verify that your performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit has the correct termination date. For water well contractors and drillers, the expiration is currently 6/30/2015.
5. Please be sure to sign the performance bond.
6. Submit your performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit after your application has been approved.
7. The documents must be original.
8. Please don't hesitate to contact Michael Gillis (404) 657-6148 if you have any questions.

Bond Number _____

Performance Bond For Water Well Contractors And Drillers

Name of Water Well Contractor or Driller _____

Know All Men By These Present

That we _____ AND ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND PARTNERS, as Principal, and _____ as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (Director), Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia and his or her Successor or Successors in office, as Obligee, in the full sum of **TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/00 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)** for the payment of which will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heir, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by the present.

WHEREAS, the WATER WELL STANDARDS ACT OF 1985 (Ga. Laws 1985, p. 1192) (the "ACT") requires that water well contractors and drillers file performance bonds with the director to ensure compliance with the ACT; and WHEREAS the above bound PRINCIPAL is subject to the terms and provisions of said ACT. NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the above bound PRINCIPAL shall fully and faithfully perform the duties and in all things comply with the procedures and standards set forth in the ACT as now and hereafter amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including but not limited to the correction of any violation of such procedures and standards upon discovery, irrespective of whether such discovery is made before completion of any well subject to this bond, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise of full force and effect.

And Surety, for value received, agrees that no amendment to existing laws, rules or regulations, or adoption of new laws, rules or regulations shall in anyway discharge its obligation on this bond, and does hereby waive notice of any such amendment, adoption or modification.

This bond shall be effective from date of issuance and shall continue in effect until terminated by expiration, mutual agreement or cancellation upon sixty (60) days written notice to Principal and Obligee; provided that the rights of the obligee and beneficiaries under this bond which arose prior to such termination shall continue.

The bond is effective _____ and unless sooner terminated, this bond shall terminate June 30, 2015. In Witness Thereof the Principal and Surety have caused these present to be duly signed and sealed, this _____ day of, _____ 20_____.

PRINCIPAL, BY _____ (L.S.) TITLE: _____

SURETY BY: _____

GEORGIA REGISTERED AGENT _____ SEAL:

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Irrevocable Letter Of Credit Water Well Driller or Contractor

To: Director, Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

We hereby establish our irrevocable letter of credit number _____ in your favor, at the request of _____ AND ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND PARTNERS in the amount of **TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/00 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)** available upon presentation by you, or any Environmental Protection Division ("Division") employee acting under your authority, of:

- (1) Your sight draft, or demand for payment, bearing reference to this letter of credit number.
- (2) Your signed statement reading as follows: "I certify that the amount of the draft is payable pursuant to the Water Well Standards Act of 1991, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-135 et seq., and the regulations issues pursuant thereto."

Unless sooner canceled, the term of this letter of credit shall be two (2) years, which shall commence on [Date] and expire on June 30, 2015, provided that the credit established by this letter shall be available for payment of claims relating to wells commenced during the term of this letter, upon presentation of your sight draft or demand for payment for (2) years after expiration of said term or cancellation.

This letter of credit may be canceled if:

- (1) _____ AND ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEES, PARTNERS AND OFFICERS ceases to do business in Georgia; or
- (2) We serve notice of cancellation upon both you and _____ AND ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEES, PARTNERS AND OFFICERS by certified mail at least one hundred twenty (120) days before cancellation is to become effective.

The issuer of this letter of credit is required to immediately notify the Director of EPD if the letter of credit is canceled.

The credit established by this letter and our obligation to pay same shall not be affected by the receivership, bankruptcy or insolvency of debtor or the attachment of his property. Nor shall this letter of credit or obligation to pay same be affected by any security agreement or other agreement between _____ AND ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND PARTNERS and our bank.

Whenever this letter of credit is drawn on under and in compliance with the terms of this credit, we shall duly honor such draft upon presentation to us, and we shall pay the amount of the draft directly to you, as Director of the Division or in accordance with your instructions.

This letter of credit is subject to the uniform customs and practice for documentary credit pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code.

Sincerely,

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