Water Well Contractors operate machinery to dig or drill for water, and ensure that wells are installed and maintained in a proper condition that does not cause contamination or pollution of the water supply. A contractor license is required of any entity or individual engaged in well construction. Water well construction means any method, procedure, or operation to obtain water from a well, including drilling, digging, well development (by hydro fracturing or other methods), well decommissioning, and wells for geothermal heat exchange.

**Legislation**
Statute: NH RSA 482-B
Administrative Rules: Chapter We 100 - 1000

**Licensure Requirements**
- Be actively engaged in the trade for a period of three years prior to the date of application, with experience directly related to the type of license issued
- One year of experience for drilling contractors shall be in drilling water wells in crystalline rocks of the Appalachian region
- Pass an examination prepared and administered by the Board
- Obtain the appropriate license from the Board

**Examination**
Written examination required

**Continuing Education**
Not required

**Reciprocity**
No reciprocal agreements with other states currently exist

**Active Licenses**
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**Related Training**
Well Drilling/Driller

**Regulatory Agency**
Water Well Board
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302

- **phone** (603) 271-1974
- **fax** (603) 271-5171
- **contact** Abigail Fopiano
- **e-mail** abigail.fopiano@des.nh.gov

**Fees**
- Application .................. $25.00
- Examination ................ $10.00 per category
- Rotary license ................ $225.00
- Technical license .......... $225.00
- Cable tool license ......... $150.00
- Point well license ......... $150.00
- Dug well license .......... $100.00

*All licenses expire annually on June 30*

**O*Net Codes**
47-5021.00 Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas

**Additional Information Sources**
National Ground Water Association
[<www.ngwa.org>](http://www.ngwa.org)