

Water Well Contractor

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

155

Related Training

Well Drilling/Driller

Regulatory Agency

Water Well Board

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
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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>