



Water Well Driller's License

Description:
License issued to persons who propose to drill a water well in the State of Alabama.

Issuing Divison: Permits & Services
Branch: General Services

When is a permit required?
Every person who proposes to drill a water well in the State of Alabama shall file, on or before September 30 of each year, an application for a water well driller's license as prescribed by ADEM Chapter 335-9-1. A well driller licensed in another state wishing to drill a water well in the State of Alabama must submit an application and fee to the department for obtaining a reciprocal license.

Permit is required
☒ **before construction**
☐ **before operation**
☐ **before discharge**

Days from complete application to issuance:
20 (minimum)
60 (maximum)

Notes on approval timeline:
All license applicants are required to pass a well driller licensing exam and obtain 24 months experience under supervision of a licensed well driller. The Department does not administer the well driller examination. It is the responsibility of the applicant to schedule the time and location for the exam proctor. The applicant must submit a State Licensing Exam Application along with appropriate fee which is reviewed for completeness and typically processed within 10 days.

Local approval required?
No.

Application procedure:
The applicant schedules the well driller licensing examination. Upon passing the examination and obtaining the required experience the person submits evidence along with an Alabama Well Driller's License Application and appropriate fee. Once approved by the Department a Well Driller's License is issued which is valid until September 30 of each year. All licensed well drillers must submit a new Well Driller License Application with fee on or before September 30 of each year.

Base permit fee:
(1) Exam Application \$75.00 per exam (2) Application for Alabama Well Driller's License \$200.00

Additive fees (explain):

Term of permit:
1 year

Public notice required?
☐ **Yes**
☒ **No**
Length of notice: N/A

Public hearing required?
☐ **Yes**
☒ **No**
☐ **Departmental discretion/based on comments**

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Additional Information: ADEM website - www.adem.alabama.gov

Forms Required

Form #	Form Name	Applicability/Notes
193	Application for Alabama Well Driller's License	Applicant must submit evidence of successfully passing well driller license exam and obtaining 24 months requisite experience under the supervision of a licensed well driller.