

Well Driller License Application Instructions

Enclosed is an application for a South Dakota Well Drillers License. Please complete and sign the application. The filing fee is based on the residency of the license representative(s) -- \$200.00 for South Dakota resident(s) and \$300.00 for nonresident(s). You are a resident if your primary residence is located in South Dakota and you have not claimed residency in any other state within ninety days of filing this application.

In addition to the information requested in No. 3 of the application, we are requesting further detailed information. On a separate sheet of paper, please list drilling experience with your own company and/or other drilling companies. This information will need to be provided for each person to be listed as a license representative for your company.

Please provide the following for each license representative.

1. Dates worked with each drilling company,
2. Position, authority and responsibilities with a drill rig,
3. Types of wells constructed,
4. Cement grouting experience,
5. The name of the supervisor or someone that can verify work experience,
6. Address of the drilling companies,
7. The manager or owner of the company, and
8. Drilling equipment you have for drilling wells.

License representatives for a new well driller license are required to successfully demonstrate their knowledge, and ability to drill water wells in South Dakota by passing an examination. The examination questions are based on the skills necessary to operate as a water well driller and on the principles set forth in the South Dakota Well Construction Standards, South Dakota Water Law and the Water Management Board's general rules. The examination is an open book test. A passing grade for the examination is a minimum of 70% of the questions correctly answered. A copy of the licensing exam can be obtained by contacting the Water Rights Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Water Rights Program at (605) 773-3352.

Mail application with fee to: Water Rights Program
\$200.00 SD resident, \$300.00 nonresident Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-3181
Phone: (605)773-3352

NEW APPLICATION for South Dakota Well Driller
License to drill, construct, redrill, regROUT and
recase wells.

1. Name of Application _____ Phone _____
(company)

Mailing Address _____
(street, RR, box) (town) (state) (zip code)

Each company must designate at least one License Representative who is responsible for all well drilling and construction work for or authorized on behalf of the well driller.

2. License Representative(s) _____ SD residents? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Provide description of experience and qualifications License Representative has in completing types of wells to be drilled, constructed, redrilled, rebuilt, recased and regROUTed as checked in Item 4. Include types and sizes of casing, screens, grouting, gravel packing, well plugging that the License Representative has experience with:

(if necessary, attach additional paper)

4. The license representative may be licensed to drill one or more of the following types of water use wells. For each well type to be licensed, please provide requested information.

Type of well	Number of each well type you have actual drilling experience with		Drilling method and Type of Equipment Used
	Above Greenhorn	Below Greenhorn	
private domestic less than 18 gpm*			
private domestic more than 19 gpm*			
irrigation			
municipal, rural water, common distribution			
commercial			
industrial			
geothermal			
monitoring well			

* If a well flows, the completed well must be reduced to a flow of 18 gpm or less or to flow actually used. A water permit is required for any well allowed to flow or to be pumped more than 26,000 gallons per day (18 gpm average).

5. Are you familiar with and agree to abide by the provisions of SDCL 46-6-6 to 46-6-31 inclusive and Water Management Board Rules, Chapters 74:02:01 for well driller licensing and 74:02:04 for well drilling and well construction?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If answer to No, please request copies of laws and/or rules before submitting the application.

6. Has your well driller firm or license representative(s) ever been licensed to drill water wells in South Dakota?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If answer is Yes, list years when licensed _____
and have all well driller reports for wells drilled, constructed, redrilled, rebuilt, recased, and
regouted during the years licensed been submitted?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Number of Reports Submitted _____

I,

licensed representative(s) for _____
(company)

certify that I have read the foregoing application and that the matter therein stated are true.

Signed _____
License Representative License Representative

Signed _____
License Representative License Representative