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Important deadline approaching for licensed Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources oversees licensing for water well drillers and pump installers. Anyone who drills wells or installs or repairs well pumps must have a state license. Currently, Indiana has about 850 licensed professionals. A list of licensed contractors can be found on our website.

Water Well Licenses are individual rather than company based. The licensed individual must be onsite either completing or supervising the completion of the job for it to be considered a licensed operation.

License Renewal:

- 2024 licenses expire December 31
- Submit renewal materials by mail to DNR Division of Water or email clanglois@dnr.IN.gov
- See website for forms and details

Continuing Education Requirements:

- Hours needed based on endorsements:
 - Well Drilling (WD) only: 6 hours
 - Pump Installation (PI) only: 6 hours
 - Both WD and PI: 12 hours
- Complete all hours by December 31 for 2025 renewal
- Extra hours don't carry over

If your 2024 license isn't renewed by December 31, you'll need to restart the licensing process as a new applicant.

Prospective New Licensees:

The process for an initial license includes passing the Well Driller or Pump Installer exams. Both can be attempted at once. You will also need to complete an application form, have three references (two of which need to be from already licensed drillers/pump installers/plumbers), and pay the \$100 licensing fee after passing the exam or exams.

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