

# Apply for a drilling licence

## Water Act 1992 section 49

Form s49

This is an approved form in accordance with regulation 3 of the Water Regulations 1992. Information on this form is being collected for the purposes of assessing your application for a licence under the Water Act 1992. This form must be completed by the legal entity seeking the licence or their authorised representative.

If you have a drilling licence from another state and wanting to apply for a Northern Territory licence please use the form interstate driller licence conversion under the heading: Apply to convert your interstate licence on the Apply, renew or upgrade a water drilling licence web page.

### Lodging information

In accordance with regulation 3(4), if a person provides an application with insufficient information to enable a proper decision to be made, the department may return the application for proper completion.

An application is lodged when this application form is complete with the required attachments. The completion of a Module A Exam is required when applying for a new licence and you must score at least 80 per cent for your application to progress. Please use the checklists provided below to ensure all requirements are met and your application is complete.

1. Application type			
<b>New licence</b>	Yes / No		
<b>Upgrade a licence</b>	Yes / No / Not applicable	<b>Licence number</b>	
<b>Additional endorsement</b>	Yes / No / Not applicable	<b>Licence number</b>	

**2. Licence class and endorsement type**Select the **class of licence type** you require.

Licence type	Yes / No
<b>NT Drilling Licence Class 1</b> (Restricts drilling activities to single non-flowing aquifer systems.)	
<b>NT Drilling Licence Class 2</b> (In addition to Class 1, permits drilling in multiple non-flowing aquifer systems.)	
<b>NT Drilling Licence Class 3 (commonly known as Class 3R)</b> (In addition to Class 2, permits drilling activities in flowing aquifer systems, excluding Great Artesian Basin.)	
<b>Great Artesian Basin (commonly known as Class 3 Unrestricted)</b> (In addition to Class 3, permits drilling in Great Artesian Basin.)	

Select the **type of endorsement** you require.

Rotary Mud	Rotary Air	Sonic	Cable Tool	Auger
Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

**3. Applicant details**

This name will appear on the licence if granted.

<b>Name</b>				
<b>Date of birth</b>				
<b>Postal address</b> (include state and postcode)				
<b>Residential address</b> (include state and postcode)				
<b>Email address</b> (for all correspondence)				
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Fax</b>		<b>Mobile</b>

**4. Licence(s) held in other states of Australia**

State	Licence number	Class

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5. Prior experience and evidence (see Table 1 summary of requirements)		
Have you successfully completed an approved course?		Yes / No
If you have successfully completed an approved course, attach a copy of your course certificate or qualification.		Attached / Not applicable
How long have you been employed as a driller or trainee driller?	less than 6 months / 6-12 months / 1-2 years / more than 2 years	
Have you completed the required number of statement of bores?		Yes / No
<p>Attach the required number of statement of bores required for the licence you are applying for, consistent with the type of endorsement as outlined in Appendix A of this form.</p> <p>Additional endorsements require 6 statements of bores using the drilling method you are applying for.</p>		Attached
6. Exams and interview reports		
<p>Complete and attach the relevant NUDLC Examiners Report with recommendations to hold a licence.</p> <p>(For more information on the exam contact the Australian Drilling Industry Association at <a href="mailto:info@adia.com.au">info@adia.com.au</a> or telephone (08) 6305 0466.</p>		Yes / No
<p>Undertake and interview and attach a copy of your Interview Report</p> <p>(To arrange an interview contact the department at <a href="mailto:water.licensing@nt.gov.au">water.licensing@nt.gov.au</a> or telephone (08) 8999 4455. You must have completed the required number of statement of bores as outlined in Appendix A of this form to undertake an interview. )</p>		Yes/No
<p>Complete and attach a Module A Exam available from:</p> <p><a href="https://nt.gov.au/environment/water">https://nt.gov.au/environment/water</a></p>		Yes / No
7. Consent		
Do you consent to receive all service of documents via email address, as provided above?		Yes / No
Do you consent to being contacted by from time to time about work undertaken by the Water Resources Division including; water monitoring activities, water management programs, water allocation plan development, updates to policies and procedures?		Yes / No

8. Declaration	
I will comply with the terms and conditions (extracted in Attachment B) that apply to drilling licenses issued under the Water Act 1992.	Yes / No
I understand when applying for a new licence or licence upgrade I will be required to attend an interview in which I will be asked questions that require me to demonstrate my drilling experience and knowledge and I must receive a satisfactory interview report to complete my application.	Yes / No / Not applicable
I understand when applying for additional endorsements I may be required to attend an interview to demonstrate my drilling experience and knowledge and I must receive a satisfactory interview report to complete my application.	Yes / No / Not applicable
I have not breached the Water Act 1992 or the Water Regulations 1992 or any other state Acts and Regulations governing drilling of water bores.	Yes / No
Comments	
I hereby declare that the information provided in this application and accompanying document is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.	
<b>Applicant's signature</b>	
<b>Name (print)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

## Where and how to submit this form

Email your completed application to [water.licensing@nt.gov.au](mailto:water.licensing@nt.gov.au)

<b>Applicant checklist</b>		
A checklist for information that must be included with this application.		
<b>Details</b>	<b>Attached</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Recent passport photograph</b> (An electronic photograph may be suitable depending on the picture quality.)	Yes / No	
<b>The required number of statement of bores at applicable class and endorsement</b>	Yes / No	
<b>National Examiners report(s)</b>	Yes / No	
<b>Module A Exam<sup>^</sup></b>	Yes / No	
<b>Copy of certificate/s completed courses</b>	Yes / No	
<b>Other relevant information</b> Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply all information necessary to support their application. Further details can be found at <a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/Drillers">www.nt.gov.au/Drillers</a> or email <a href="mailto:water.licensing@nt.gov.au">water.licensing@nt.gov.au</a>	Yes / No	

<sup>^</sup> Only for new applications.

## Appendix A Summary of drilling licence requirements

Drilling Licence Requirements				
Class	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Additional endorsements
Prior experience	<p>Successfully completed an approved course and Minimum 6 months employment as driller or trainee driller</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Minimum 12 months work experience</p>	<p>Class 1 licence or the experience necessary to hold a Class 1 licence</p>	<p>Successfully completed an approved course and Class 2 licence and minimum 12 months employed as a driller</p>	
Statement of bores (Statements must be representative of the complexity of the class of licence for which you are applying.)	<p>6 Class 1 bores under supervision  (minimum 6 per endorsement)</p>	<p>6 Class 2 bores under supervision</p> <p>OR</p> <p>6 Class 1 bores under supervision and 3 Class 2 bores under supervision</p>	<p>6 Class 2 bores and 3 Class 3 bores under supervision</p>	<p>6 of relevant Class</p>
National exam	Class 1 and the appropriate endorsement	Class 1 and Class 2	Calls 3	Appropriate drilling method
Module A exam	Required	Required if not previously completed for Class 1 licence	Required	Not required

## Appendix B Extract of driller licence conditions

1. All drilling shall be undertaken in accordance with sound drilling practices and to the Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia (Current Edition).
2. The Licensee shall comply with Regulation 11 of the Water Regulations 'Prescribed Information and Samples'

Note:

Strata and water samples are only required for specific areas refer NR Maps under the spatial layer: Bore, Drilling Requirements, Strata and Water Sample Areas.

A gamma log is required for bores mapped in NR Maps under the spatial layer: Bore, Drilling Requirements, Gamma Log Areas. For multiple bores in the same area, one log from the deepest bore hole is sufficient.

3. The holder of a Drilling Licence shall within twenty-eight days of completion or abandonment of any operation or work conducted pursuant to the Drilling Licence, forward the information and samples referred to in Regulation 11 to the Controller of Water Resources. A copy of the records shall be retained by the driller and shall also be provided to the owner of the land.
4. If in the course of operations on a bore a situation arises which causes the activity to move beyond the bounds of the particular Drilling Licence held by you, you shall immediately advise the Controller of Water Resources and further, only continue operations under supervision of a suitably licensed person or as otherwise directed by the Controller of Water Resources.
5. Any change in address by the holder of a Drilling Licence shall be notified in writing to the Controller within twenty-eight days.
6. Specific conditions as listed on your Drilling Licence.