

National Waterwell Driller's Licencing

Driller's Licencing

Each state and territory issues its own licences. To become licenced, applicants must demonstrate they have both the knowledge and skills to drill a bore in the class they are applying for.

To get a licence, applicants must:

- Understand the compliance requirements of their local state or territory.
- Complete the national exams. Applicants need to complete a class level exam and relevant endorsement exams.

The state/territory regulator will assess both an applicant's theoretical knowledge (from the results of the examination) and their practical experience and skills when they review the application.



For all state licencing requirements, please contact your local regulator:
adia.com.au/waterwell/state-and-territory-contacts/

For all exam enquiries please contact:
Phone: (08) 6305 0466
Email: info@adia.com.au

Classes of drillers' licence and endorsements

- Class 1 Single non-flowing aquifer
- Class 2 Multiple non-flowing aquifer
- Class 3 Artesian (flowing) aquifer/geothermal

- 4A Cable Tool endorsement
- 4B Auger endorsement
- 4C Rotary air endorsement
- 4D Rotary mud endorsement
- 4E Sonic endorsement
- Non drilling rig endorsement

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Applying for a Licence for the First Time:

- An applicant applying for a Class 1 licence must complete the Class 1 exam, and relevant endorsement(s); the exam fee includes the cost of 1–2 endorsements.
- An applicant cannot apply directly for a Class 2 or Class 3 licence without first obtaining the preceding class of licence and meeting the minimum holding period of 12 months.

Upgrading to the Next Licence Class

Applicants who already hold a class of licence and wish to apply for the next class must have held their current licence for a **minimum of 12 months** before applying. The upgrade process is as follows:

- To apply for a **Class 2 licence**, the applicant must have **held a Class 1 licence for at least 12 months** and then complete the Class 2 exam and any additional endorsement(s).
- To apply for a **Class 3 licence**, the applicant must have **held a Class 2 licence for at least 12 months** and then complete the Class 3 exam and any additional endorsement(s).

Endorsements and Licence Upgrades

- Endorsements do not change when upgrading a class of licence – the same endorsement applies to Class 1, 2, or 3.
- An applicant does not need to retake an endorsement examination when upgrading their licence class.
- Additional endorsements can be added to an existing licence at any time.

Once your exams are completed:

Return your exams to ADIA for marking. Exams must be scanned and sent in PDF format – there are a multitude of mobile scanning apps available for those completing exams on swing.

Please Note: Photos of exam papers will not be accepted for marking.

Allow up to 4 weeks for marking.

Once marked, ADIA will send the marked exams to your state regulator and they will follow up with what needs to be completed next.



All Australian Waterwell Drillers must follow the Minimum Construction Requirements.

Digital copies can be downloaded from ADIA's website. Hard copies can be collected from your state's regulator.

NDL Exam Application Form

Last name		First name	
Other names		Date of Birth / /	
Street address			
City		State	Post Code
Phone		Email	
Postal address (If different from street address)			
Company name (If applicable)			
Company primary contact (at company)		Email address (for primary contact)	
Accounts Email (If applicable)			
Please send my exam(s): <input type="checkbox"/> By email <input type="checkbox"/> By post			
Name on ADIA Membership (If applicable)			

Which class of licence are you applying for?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Class 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3	
Which drilling method endorsements?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cable tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Auger	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Mud	<input type="checkbox"/> Sonic Drilling	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Drilling
Please send my exams to the following state/territory regulator					
<input type="checkbox"/> NSW	<input type="checkbox"/> NT	<input type="checkbox"/> Tas	<input type="checkbox"/> Qld	<input type="checkbox"/> SA	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT

Application Fees for ADIA members. (Become a member [online](#))

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Administration fee (ex GST)	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1 licence (incl 1–2 endorsements)	\$475
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade to Class 2 licence	\$265
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade to Class 3 licence	\$265
<input type="checkbox"/> Add additional endorsement to new licence	\$55 (each)
<input type="checkbox"/> Add endorsement to existing licence	\$150
Total cost	

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Application Fees for non members.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Administration fee (ex GST)	\$105
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1 licence (incl 1-2 endorsements)	\$685
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade to Class 2 licence	\$425
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade to Class 3 licence	\$425
<input type="checkbox"/> Add additional endorsement to new licence	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Add endorsement to existing licence	\$180
Total cost	

Upon receipt of your application, we will send you an invoice. Payment can be made via direct deposit or credit card. Please indicate your preferred method of payment:

Please invoice my organisation. PO number (if required): _____

Direct deposits are payable to Australian Drilling Industry Association:

Westpac BSB: 033-138 Account: 267075

I would like to pay by credit card.

Confidentiality & Privacy:

The personal information you provide on this form will be used by **Australian Drilling Industry Association (ADIA)** for the purposes of:

- administration and delivery,
- monitoring the service given to you by ADIA, and your satisfaction with the delivery of this service.

ADIA will only provide your personal information to another person, body or agency where required by law.

ADIA is bound by privacy legislation, which is a commitment we take seriously on your behalf.

Signature

Date