

National Waterwell Driller's Licensing

Driller's Licensing

Each state and territory issues its own licenses. 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 license, 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.



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

**For all state licensing 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

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Applicants NOT holding a current license:

- an applicant applying for a Class 1 examination must complete the Class 1 exam, and relevant endorsement/s
- an applicant applying for a class 2 examination must complete the Class 1 exam, and the Class 2 exam, and relevant endorsement/s
- an applicant applying for a class 3 examination must complete the Class 1 and the Class 2 exam and the Class 3 exam, and relevant endorsement/s

Applicants holding a current license: and wanting to upgrade

Applicants already holding a class of licence and wishing to apply for another class of licence may do so as an upgrade. For example, an applicant holding a Class 1 licence and endorsement/s may apply for a Class 2 licence, and will be required to complete the Class 2 examination (and any additional endorsements the applicant may seek).

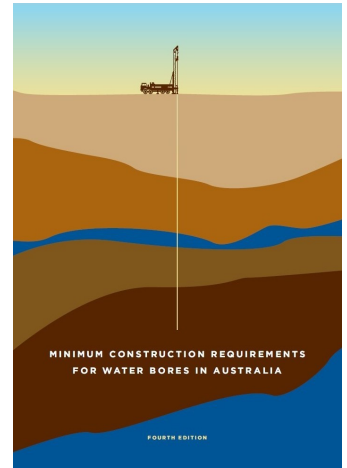
Endorsements do not change when changing Class of licence – the same endorsement can apply to Class 1, 2 or 3. An applicant will not have to do the endorsement examination again if they seek an upgrade in class of licence.

Additional endorsements can be added to an existing licence.

Once your exams are completed:

Return your exams to ADIA 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)	
Please send my exam(s): <input type="checkbox"/> By email <input type="checkbox"/> By post			
Name on ADIA Membership (If applicable)			

Which class of license 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	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1 licence (incl 1-2 endorsements)	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 2 licence (incl Class 1 exam and 1-2 endorsements)	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3 licence (incl Class 2 exam 1-2 endorsements)	\$550
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade existing license	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Licence conversion	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/> Add endorsement to existing licence	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/> Add third endorsement to a new license	\$50
Total cost	

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Application Fees for non members.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Administration fee	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 1 licence (incl 1-2 endorsements)	\$650
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 2 licence (incl Class 1 exam and 1-2 endorsements)	\$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3 licence (incl Class 2 exam 1-2 endorsements)	\$800
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade existing licence	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Licence conversion	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/> Add endorsement to existing licence	\$170
<input type="checkbox"/> Add third endorsement to a new license	\$70
Total cost	

<input type="checkbox"/> Please invoice my organisation. Include purchase order number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct deposits are payable to Australian Drilling Industry Association Westpac BSB: 033-138 Account: 267075	
Alternatively, charge my	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard* <input type="checkbox"/> Visa* <input type="checkbox"/> Amex*
Name on card	Expiry
Card number	CCV
*Please note: Mastercard and Visa incur a 1.5% surcharge and AMEX payments incur a 3% surcharge	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed/attached a copy of my driver's licence, passport or birth certificate.	
Signature	Date

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 of the training program,
- monitoring the service given to you by ADTIC, 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.