

**Well Contractor**  
(well drillers, pump installers and well plugging contractors)

**Summary of Requirements for Certification**

For additional detail see Chapter 82 of the Iowa Administrative Code at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Rules/Current/iac/567iac/56782/56782.pdf> .

**Education and Experience requirements: IAC 82.6(1);**

To be eligible to take an examination, an applicant must meet the minimum work experience requirements as listed below. Certain education experience approved by the IDNR may be substituted for up to one half of any work experience requirement.

Classification	Education	Experience
well driller	Educational programming approved by the department may be substituted for up to 1/2 of any experience requirement at the rate of one CEU for each 100 hours of required experience.	2 years employment and 2000 hours work experience in Class 1 and Class 2 well construction
pump installer		2 years employment and 1000 hours work experience in the installation, repair, and maintenance of water systems
Provisionally Certified		One half of the employment and experience required for full certification
Well Plugging		None

**CEUs: IAC 82.11**

Contractors must renew their certificate every two years which ends on June 30 of even-numbered years. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) must be earned by March 31 of that year and be directly related to the subject matter of the certificate. Renewal applications are mailed to certified contractors 60 days prior to the expiration date of the certificates. Applications must be completed and returned with applicable fees listed as above. Only contractors obtaining the required CEUs are eligible for renewal of their certificate(s).

Required CEUs	Certificate type
1.6	well driller or well driller & pump installer
1.0	pump installer only
0.2	well plugging contractor (if notified by the IDNR)

Conditions

- Continuing education must be earned during two-year periods between April 1 and March 31 of even-numbered years.
- A certified well contractor holding well driller certification or both well driller and pump installer certifications must earn 1.6 units or 16 contact hours during each two-year period.
- A certified well contractor holding only pump installer certification must earn 1.0 units or 10 contact hours during each two-year period.
- A well plugging contractor may be required to earn 0.2 units or 2 contact hours during each two-year period as determined by the department, provided the well plugging contractor is notified of the requirement at the beginning of the renewal period.
- Newly certified (previously uncertified) well contractors who are certified after April 1 of even-numbered years will not be required to earn CEUs until the next two-year period.

**Fees: IAC 82.7**

The following are the nonrefundable certification and examination fees for obtaining and maintaining certification.

Fee	Fee Type
\$100 minimum	Examination: \$50 per test - fundamentals examination for well drilling and pump installation - well drillers examination - pump installers examination - well plugging examination.
\$100	Oral examination
\$300 \$250	Certification: - well drilling - pump installation & well plugging contractors
\$150	Provisionally certified
\$100	Late payment Penalty for each 30 days in delinquency
\$300 \$200	Certification renewal for the 2 year period - certified well drilling - pump installers and well plugging contractors
\$20	Duplicate certificate fee
\$1000 plus \$50/exam	Recertification within 2 years after expiration of their certification must pay fee & retake and pass a written examination(s)