

Water Resources Program  
**Certified Water Right Examiner Application**

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Please Note: Incomplete applications will be returned

You must be certified as a water right examiner to conduct proof examinations for water right certification and other services as described in RCW 90.03.665. As a qualified applicant, you must maintain at least one of your qualifications throughout the duration of the application and certification periods. If you lose your qualifications under which you originally received certification, you must notify Ecology within two business days (refer to WAC 173-165-030).

**Qualifications:** To apply for certification as a water right examiner, you must be:

- Registered in Washington State as a professional land surveyor, professional engineer, or hydrogeologist; or
- A qualified water conservancy board commissioner; or
- An individual with at least five years of applicable experience to qualify through experience alone. You are encouraged to include any qualifying experience you have in addition to above licensure or membership to help you maintain your certification in the future. (See WAC 173-165-050)

**Applicable work experience:** Applicable work experience (see WAC 173-165-050 (2) & (3)) includes five years of experience related to one or more of the following:

- Evaluating new water right applications and/or applications for change or transfer of a water right to support permit and/or change authorization decision making.
- Conducting field investigations and preparing tentative determinations of water rights related to water use.
- Verifying beneficial use of water.
- Regulating water rights as a stream patrolman or watermaster (RCW 90.03.070) or watermaster assigned to regulate water use within federal reclamation projects.
- Conducting proof examinations for issuance of certificates of water rights.

The five years of work experience must include at least three years of any one of the following:

- Conducting water right proof examinations in Washington or another state, or performing comparable work in evaluating the beneficial use of water.
- Preparing water right documents for use in the adjudication of water rights.
- Working in private industry evaluating water right applications and preparing reports of examination for cost recovery or cost reimbursement contracts.
- Evaluating state water right applications, conducting field investigations for water right permits, and preparing reports of examination.
- Preparing or reviewing records of decision for county conservancy boards.
- Other qualifying experience, substituted year for year, as determined by Ecology.

**If minimum qualifications are met, you will receive information on scheduling the exam.**

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<p>Submit your completed application and evidence of your qualifications to the CWRE Coordinator by mail, fax, or email to:</p>	<p>Department of Ecology CWRE Coordinator, WR Program PO Box 47600 Olympia WA 98504-7600 FAX: (360) 407-7162 <a href="mailto:CWRE@ecy.wa.gov">CWRE@ecy.wa.gov</a></p>
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1. Applicant Information		
Applicant Name:	Phone No:	Other No:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Business Name (if applicable):		
Business Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Cell Phone:	Daytime Phone:	Other Phone:
Email Address:		
Preferred method of contact: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Home address <input type="checkbox"/> Business address		

<b>2. Qualifications:</b> Complete at least one of the appropriate qualification types below.
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TYPE 1: Washington State Professional License (Attach copy of current license.)		
License Type	License Number	Expiration Date
Hydrogeology		
Engineering		
Land Surveyor		

TYPE 2: Washington State Water Conservancy Board Membership		
Board Name	Position Currently Held	Current Term Period
		___ / ___ / ___ thru ___ / ___ / ___

<b>TYPE 3: Qualifying Experience</b>		
Company Name:	From:	To:
Company Address:	Company Contact Name:	
	Company Phone Number(s):	
Describe your experience and its applicability to conducting proof exams:		

Company Name:	From:	To:
Company Address:	Company Contact Name:	
	Company Phone Number(s):	
Describe your experience and its applicability to conducting proof exams:		

**3. Locations that you are willing to work:** Check all counties where you plan to offer your services as a certified water right examiner. Your name will be listed on the CWRE website under each county you identify.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Garfield County     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pend Oreille County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All of Western Washington | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pierce County       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All of Eastern Washington | <input type="checkbox"/> Grays Harbor County | <input type="checkbox"/> San Juan County     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams County              | <input type="checkbox"/> Island County       | <input type="checkbox"/> Skagit County       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asotin County             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson County    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skamania County     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benton County             | <input type="checkbox"/> King County         | <input type="checkbox"/> Snohomish County    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chelan County             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitsap County       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokane County      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clallam County            | <input type="checkbox"/> Kittitas County     | <input type="checkbox"/> Stevens County      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clark County              | <input type="checkbox"/> Klickitat County    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurston County     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia County           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lewis County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Wahkiakum County    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowlitz County            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walla Walla County  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Douglas County            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mason County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Whatcom County      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry County              | <input type="checkbox"/> Okanogan County     | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitman County      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin County           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific County      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yakima County       |

**4. Signature**

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct. I also understand that the Department of Ecology may cancel my application or future certification as a water right examiner if any statement contained herein is false.

Signature:	Date:
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