



FAQ's:

How long will it take for a permit or licence to be issued? Normally it will take 4 - 6 weeks.

What am I required to submit with my application? Each application is different, but typically, an application form, fee, and drawings/maps are required, however the Minister may request additional information in order to evaluate your application and depending upon the project may require engineering drawings and reports.

What is the required format for the drawings/maps? Typically you need to submit an electronic copy (pdf format) location map at 1:50,000 and detailed plans and drawings at a suitable scale.

Is there a fee associated with my permit or licence application?

Information regarding fees can be found at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/waterres/permits-licenses/appforms/>

What happens when the project is completed?

For some projects a completion report will need to be returned to the Department stating that the project was carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in the permit.

What is a body of water?

A "body of water" means a surface or subterranean source of fresh or salt water within the jurisdiction of the province, whether that source usually contains liquid or frozen water or not, and includes water above the bed of the sea that is within the jurisdiction of the province, a river, stream, brook, creek, watercourse, lake, pond, spring, lagoon, ravine, gully, canal, wetland, floodplain and other flowing or standing water and the land occupied by that body of water.

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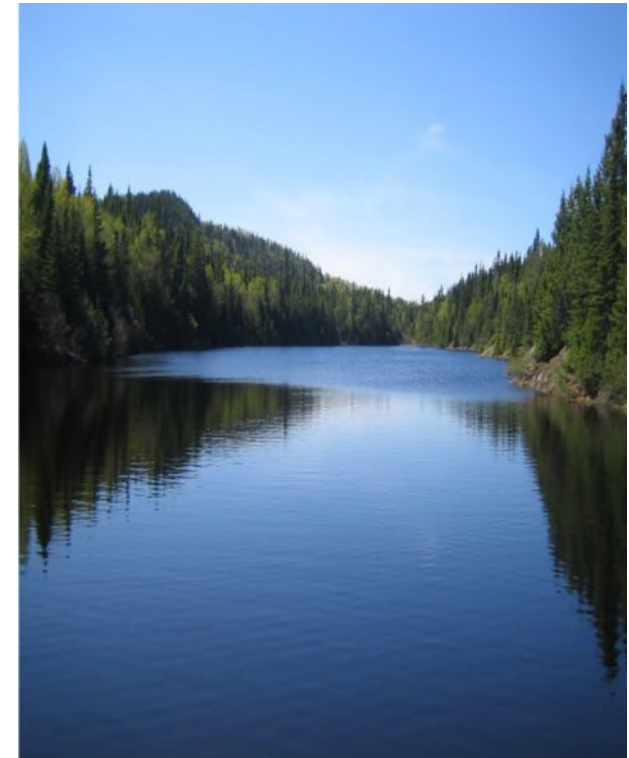
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Applications for Permits and Licences



Department of Environment and Climate Change

We Protect and Promote a Healthy and Natural Environment

Overview

Permits Required Under the *Water Resources Act* Include:

1. Any work in or within fifteen (15) metres of a body of water (including wetlands)
2. Construction of non-domestic wells
3. Public water and sewerage works
4. Any development in a wellhead protected supply area
5. Any development in a protected public water supply area
6. Any water use from all water resources

Permits and Licences may be required from the following Sections:

- Drinking Water Section
- Groundwater Section
- Community Water & Wastewater Section
- Water Rights, Investigations & Modelling Section (WRIM)

The *Water Resources Act* can be found at:
<https://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/w04-01.htm>

Application Forms can be found at:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/waterres/permits-licenses/appforms/>

Permits are Required for...

1. Any Alterations to a Body of Water...

As required under Section 48 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

A permit is required for culverts, bridges, dams, fording, pipe crossings, water intakes, outfalls, developments in a flood risk area, dredging, infilling, or any alterations to a body of water.

Contact Water Rights, Investigations & Modelling Section:

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[Email: waterinvestigations@gov.nl.ca](mailto:waterinvestigations@gov.nl.ca)

2. Any Construction of Non-Domestic Groundwater Wells...

As required under Section 58 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

A non-domestic well is defined as a drilled well intended to supply water for the purpose of geothermal heating and cooling, or for any application other than a single family dwelling.

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3. Any Municipal Water & Sewerage Projects...

As required under Sections 36 and 37 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

Contact Community Water & Wastewater Section:

Corner Brook:
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St. John's:
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4. Any Developments in a Wellhead Protected Water Supply Area...

As required under Sections 39(6) and 61(3) of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

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5. Any Developments in a Protected Public Water Supply Area...

As required under Sections 39(6) of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

Contact Drinking Water Section:

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Grand Falls-Windsor:
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6. Any Water Use from all Water Resources...

Water use licence required under the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01.

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