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Acceptance of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Exam (General or Specialty) toward Water Well Driller/Installer Applications

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1. JURISDICTION

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources, Water Well Program implements the Tennessee Water Well Program (WWP) under the authority of Tennessee Code Annotated sections 69-10-101 through 112 and delegated authority under Tennessee Compilation of Rules and Regulations (“Rules”), Chapters 0400-45-09 and 0400-45-10. The objective of WWP is to protect Tennessee’s groundwater resources by regulating the construction of water, monitoring, and geothermal wells including drilling and installing in Tennessee. WWP also provides licensures for drillers/installers in Tennessee.

2. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to clarify WWP’s acceptance of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) written exams (general and/or specialty) from applicant’s in lieu of DWR’s water well applicant written exams. NGWA examinations meet the requirements of Rule 0400-45-09-.05.

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DWR will accept an applicant’s passing NGWA general or specialty exam in lieu of Tennessee’s driller/installer exams under either of the following two conditions. The applicant must submit written documentation that either of these cases is true.

1. Each exam was passed within the twelve (12) months prior to receipt of the application for Tennessee licensure, or
2. The applicant has maintained NGWA certification after passing the NGWA written exams for the specific practice in which he or she is applying for Tennessee licensure.

REVISION HISTORY TABLE

Revision Number	Date	Brief Summary of Change
0	02-8-22	Initial Issuance of policy