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**WATER ACT 1912 - REGULATION**  
(Water (Part V) Drillers' Licences Regulation 1990)  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the Water Act 1912, has been pleased to make the Regulation set forth hereunder.

I. R. CAUSLEY  
Minister for Natural Resources.

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**Citation**

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Water (Part V) Drillers' Licences Regulation 1990.

**Definition**

2. (1) In this Regulation:

"the Act" means the Water Act 1912.

(2) In this Regulation, a reference to a Form is a reference to a form set out in Schedule 1.

**Driller's licence**

3. (1) A person may apply to the Ministerial Corporation for a driller's licence under section 118A of the Act.

(2) There are 6 classes of driller's licence, namely

(a) a class 1 licence, being a licence that allows construction of water level and water quality monitoring bores;

- (b) a class 2 licence, being a licence that allows construction of sub-artesian stock and domestic supply bores up to 152 mm nominal bore casing;
  - (c) a class 3 licence, being a licence that allows the activities of a class 2 licence and allows also the construction of sub-artesian, screened and developed bores (with open hole, slotted casing or screen completion methods, including the use of a formation stabiliser, but not including gravel filter envelope completion techniques);
  - (d) a class 4 licence, being a licence that allows activities of a class 3 licence and also allows the use of gravel filter envelope completion techniques;
  - (e) a class 5 licence, being a licence that allows activities of a class 2 licence and also allows the construction of flowing and non-flowing bores that penetrate the sandstone aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin and the construction of flowing bores elsewhere in New South Wales;
  - (f) a class 6 licence, being a licence that allows activities of both a class 4 licence and a class 5 licence.
- (3) For the purposes of section 118A (3A) of the Act:
- (a) the prescribed form of application for a driller's licence is Form 1; and
  - (b) the prescribed fee to accompany an application for a driller's licence is \$44; and
  - (c) the prescribed form of driller's licence is Form 2.

**Drilling methods**

4. A driller's licence may restrict its holder to the use of one or more of the following drilling methods:

- (a) auger;
- (b) jetting;
- (c) cable tool;
- (d) rotary air;

- (e) rotary hydraulic;
- (f) such other method as is specified in the licence.

### **Refund**

5. The Ministerial Corporation must refund the fee paid for a driller's licence if the application does not result in the issue of a licence.

### **Repeal**

6. The Water (Part V) Drillers' Licences Regulations are repealed.

### **Saving**

7. A licence issued in accordance with the Water (Part V) Drillers' Licences Regulations that was in force immediately before the commencement of this Regulation remains in force, subject to the Act, for the remainder of its term and continues to authorise the activities specified in it.

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## **SCHEDULE 1 - FORMS**

(Cl. 2 (2))

Form 1

(Cl. 3)

WATER ACT 1912

APPLICATION FOR DRILLERS LICENCE UNDER SECTION 118A OF  
THE ACT

To: The Ministerial Corporation

I, ..... of .....  
(name in full) (address in full)

New South Wales .....  
(occupation)

apply for a driller's licence under section 118A of the Water Act 1912. I furnish the following information in support of my application:

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1.       \*am  
I \*am not       a licensed driller.
2.   Date of birth .....
3.   Class of licence applied for:
  - \*(a)   Class 1   Licence that allows construction of water level and water quality monitoring bores.
  - \*(b)   Class 2   Licence that allows construction of sub-artesian stock and domestic supply bores up to 152 mm nominal bore casing.
  - \*(c)   Class 3   Licence that allows the activities of a class 2 licence and also allows the construction of sub-artesian, screened and developed bores (with open hole, slotted casing or screen completion methods, including the use of a formation stabiliser, but not including gravel filter envelope completion techniques).
  - \*(d)   Class 4   Licence that allows the activities of a class 3 licence and also allows the use of gravel filter envelope completion techniques.
  - \*(e)   Class 5   Licence that allows the activities of a class 2 licence and also allows the construction of flowing and non-flowing bores that penetrate the sandstone aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin and the construction of flowing bores elsewhere in New South Wales.
  - \*(f)   Class 6   Licence that allows the activities of both a class 4 licence and a class 5 licence.
4.   Types of drilling methods to be used:
  - \*(a)   auger;
  - \*(b)   jetting;
  - \*(c)   cable tool;
  - \*(d)   rotary air;
  - \*(e)   rotary hydraulic;
  - \*(f)   other (specify) .....
5.   Length of experience:

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- \*(a) as a licensed driller: ..... years.
- \*(b) as an employee of a licensed driller: ..... years.
6. Number of sub-artesian stock bores:
- \*(a) constructed by me as a licensed driller: .....
- \*(b) on which I have worked as an employee  
of a licensed driller: .....
7. Number of screened and developed irrigation industrial supply or town-water  
supply bores:
- \*(a) constructed by me as a licensed driller: .....
- \*(b) on which I have worked as an employee of a  
licensed driller: .....
8. Number of artesian bores:
- \*(a) constructed by me as a licensed driller: .....
- \*(b) on which I have worked as an employee of a  
licensed driller: .....
9. Number of bores:
- \*(a) pressure-cemented by me as a licensed driller: .....
- \*(b) pressure-cemented by me as an employee of a  
licensed driller: .....
10. The depth and location of:
- \*(a) deepest bore sunk by me as a licensed driller: .....
- \*(b) deepest bore on which I have worked as an  
employee of a licensed driller: .....

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11. The make, type and capacity of plant now being operated by me are:

12. Description of drilling plants previously operated by me:

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13. Names and addresses of drillers and/or drilling contractors for whom I have worked as a driller:

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(NOTE - Copies of testimonials or references from employers should be attached.)

14. Other information relevant to this application:

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\* Strike out any inapplicable.

Form 2

(Cl. 3)

WATER ACT 1912  
DRILLERS LICENCE No.

..... of .....  
(name) (address)

is licensed for a period of 3 years from the date of this licence to carry out work as a driller under section 188A of the Water Act 1912.

Class ..... licence.

This licence is limited to the following drilling methods:

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Dated: .....

Signed.....  
(For and on behalf of the Ministerial Corporation)

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The object of this Regulation is to repeal the Water (Part V) Drillers' Licences Regulations and replace them with a new Regulation. The new Regulation sets out the six classes of drillers' licences which may be issued under the Water Act 1912, It also provides for a driller's licence to limit its holder to the use of specified drilling methods.

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