

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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# Well Contractors Certification



# The Commission

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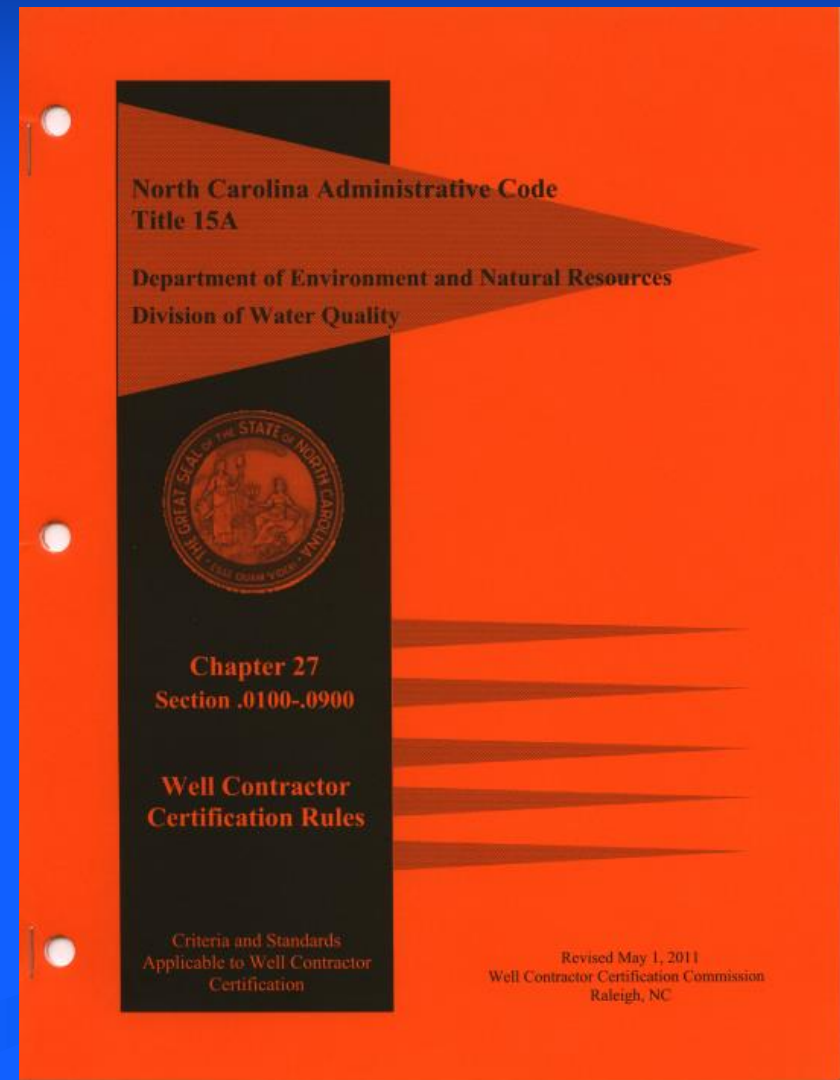
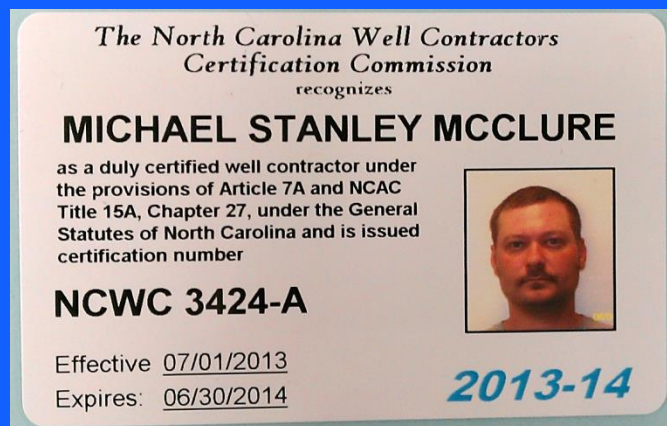
The Well Contractors Certification Commission consists of 7 members:

- É 2 are Environmental Health Professionals, actively engaged in well inspection and permitting.
- É One is appointed by the Governor from the Public at Large.
- É and 4 are Certified Well Contractors from designated areas of the State.



# Well Contractors Certification

Certification began January 1, 2000



## Individual, Not Company

• **A Certified Well Contractor** must be present at all times when well contractor activities are being conducted. *15A NCAC 27.0110 a*

• **Well Contractor Activity**– The construction, installation, repair, alteration, or abandonment of any well. *G.S. 87-98.2*





# Levels of Certification

## 15A NCAC 27 - NC Well Contractor Certification Certification Levels Overview

Certification Level	Activities Allowed	Examples of Specific Activities	Application Process	Experience Requirements	Annual Fees	Annual Continuing Education Requirements
A	All well contractor activities. Required for geothermal well & related loop installations.	Operation of air or mud rotary drill rig. Wet rock coring. Sonic Drilling. Geothermal Loop Installation. All level B, C and D activities.	Submit Level A application Pass Field Observation  Pass Level A written examination	18 mo.	\$200	2 CEU for the first 3 years, then none
B	Includes all well contractor activities <b>except</b> wet rock coring, air rotary, mud rotary and sonic drilling.	Operation of a cable tool rig, hollow stem auger (non-air rotary), direct push. Hydrofracturing. All level C and D activities.	Submit Level B application Pass Level B written examination	12 mo.	\$150	2 CEU for the first 3 years, then none
C	Includes grouting; well abandonment; rehabilitating a well due to biofouling; well development (eg.-pumping or surging); packer and liner installations; extend casing above land surface; break well seal	grouting; well abandonment;  rehabilitating a well due to biofouling; well development (eg.-pumping or surging); packer and liner installations; extend casing above land surface; break well seal All level D activities.	Submit Level C application Pass Level C written examination	6 mo.	\$125	2 CEU for the first 3 years, then none
D	Includes breaking well seal, installation of a pump or other equipment in a well and well disinfection.	Break well seal. (to perform activities such as pump repair, well chlorination, and using a down-hole camera in a well.)  Disinfection. (when introduce substances into a well for the purpose of disinfection)	Submit Level D application Pass Level D written examination	6 mo.	\$100	2 CEU for the first 3 years, then none



## North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Homepage

The purpose of the North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Commission is to protect the public health and safety by ensuring the integrity and competence of well contractors through examination, certification, continuing education and enforcement.

The Well Contractors Certification Unit is now part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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## Certification Today

- Today there are ~1,200 Certified Well Contractors, covering all types of well contractor activities.

É 2 staff persons run the day-to-day operations of the certification program.





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