

Water Allocation Permit Fee Changes for 2023

A new fee schedule is effective January 1, 2023.

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adjusted the fees for water supply allocation permits, temporary dewatering permits, and water use registrations set forth in the Water Supply Allocation rules at N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.6. Notice of this fee increase was published in the September 19, 2022 New Jersey Register. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:19-3.4, the fees were adjusted for inflation based on the previous 12-month United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI), U.S. city average, all items, all urban consumers. As provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, on July 1, 2022, the applicable CPI is 8.6 percent. Adjusted fees were rounded for accounting simplicity, down to the nearest \$5.00 increment.

Questions regarding the fee changes can be directed to the Bureau of Water Allocation & Well Permitting at (609) 984-6831.

Initial Application, Major Modification, and Annual Permit Fee Classes are based on the approved monthly allocation as follows, per N.J.A.C 7:19-3.5(d)

FEE CLASSES	Million Gallons per Month	
	From	To <
Class 1	3.1	15.5
Class 2	15.5	31
Class 3	31	62
Class 4	62	155
Class 5	155	310
Class 6	310	

7:19-3.6 Fee Schedule

(a) Fees shall be charged for water supply allocation permits and dewatering permits issued under this chapter pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Initial application and permit modification fees (\$):

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i. Surface water diversions	6,935	7,815	10,085	17,385	18,995	20,610
ii. Ground water diversions	8,685	9,750	12,600	21,740	23,680	25,285
iii. Undiminished Return	4,135	5,540	6,935	8,345	9,625	10,915
iv. Dewatering diversions	8,440	8,440	8,440	21,575	21,575	21,575

2.	Annual fees (\$):						
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i.	Surface water diversions	3,340	3,920	6,710	11,580	14,800	18,030
ii.	Ground water diversions	4,495	5,200	8,390	14,490	17,715	20,935
iii.	Undiminished Return	1,460	2,400	4,625	5,560	6,505	7,425
iv.	Dewatering diversions	4,370	4,370	4,370	14,380	14,380	14,380

(b) Fees for water use registrations issued under this chapter shall be charged as follows:

1. Any person who is required to apply for a water use registration pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:19-2.18 shall, along with a completed registration form, submit an initial registration fee of \$475.

2. Each person who holds a valid water use registration shall pay an annual fee of \$230.

For diversions within the Highlands Preservation Area, please refer to N.J.A.C. 7:38-10.2(g) for Water Allocation Permit Fees.