

Water Allocation Permit Fee Changes for 2024

A new fee schedule is effective January 1, 2024.

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 5, 2023 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, 2023, the applicable CPI is 4.0 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	7210	8125	10485	18080	19750	21430
ii. Ground water diversions	9030	10140	13100	22605	24625	26295
iii. Undiminished return	4300	5760	7210	8675	10010	11350
iv. Dewatering diversions	8775	8775	8775	22435	22435	22435

2. Annual fees (\$):

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i. Surface water diversions	3470	4075	6975	12040	15390	18750
ii. Ground water diversions	4670	5405	8725	15065	18420	21770
iii. Undiminished return	1515	2495	4810	5780	6765	7720
iv. Dewatering diversions	4540	4540	4540	14995	14995	14995

(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 \$490.

2. Each person who holds a valid water use registration shall pay an annual fee of \$235.

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