

Water Allocation Permit Fee Changes for 2025

A new fee schedule is effective January 1, 2025.

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 October 7, 2024, 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, 2024, the applicable CPI is 3.3 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	7445	8390	10830	18675	20400	22135
ii. Ground water diversions	9325	10470	13530	23350	25435	27160
iii. Undiminished return	4440	5950	7445	8960	10340	11720
iv. Dewatering diversions	9060	9060	9060	23175	23175	23175

2. Annual fees (\$):

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
i. Surface water diversions	3580	4205	7205	12435	15895	19365
ii. Ground water diversions	4820	5580	9010	15560	19025	22485
iii. Undiminished return	1560	2575	4965	5970	6985	7970
iv. Dewatering diversions	4685	4685	4685	15445	15445	15445

(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 \$505.

2. Each person who holds a valid water use registration shall pay an annual fee of \$240.

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