

## WELL CONTRACTOR – PROVISIONAL WELL CONTRACTOR

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 455B

**Job Description** Well contractors construct or reconstruct wells; install, repair or maintain pumps, or plug wells. They set up and operate well drilling rigs to drill wells; assemble tools, extend stabilizing jackscrews to support rigs, bolt trusses to derricks and machine frames, and move levers and pedals to control machines that drill or punch well bore; and, lower casings into wells.

**Education & Experience Required** Well contractors are required to have two years of experience providing well services. In addition to a certification from the Department of Natural Resources, water well diggers are required to register as a contractor (see Appendix).

Provisional well contractors must sign a statement that:

1. There is a shortage of certified well contractors in the area where they intend to operate;
2. That they have one year of experience in well services performed under the direct supervision of a certified well contractor, and;
3. The applicant has successfully completed the examination.

A certified well contractor who employs the applicant must also sign the statement. By signing, the contractor agrees:

1. To be jointly liable for violation of the rules regarding well services performed by the provisional well contractor and certified well contractor.
2. The violation is grounds for suspension or revocation of the certification of the provisional well contractor and certified well contractor.

**Continuing Education** Sixteen contact hours or 1.6 continuing education units are required for certification renewal.

**Examination** A written examination is required and is offered at various locations throughout the state during the year. Specific information concerning dates and locations of tests can be obtained by contacting the License Bureau of the Department of Natural Resources. *Rules for certification will change on July 1, 2004.*

**Fees** Application:None  
Duration: Two Years (Certificates expire on June 30 of every even-numbered year and must be renewed every two years.)  
Renewal: \$300  
Exam: \$50  
Other: There is a \$300 (maximum) certificate fee. The certificate is prorated twice up to the first renewal period.

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 47-5021 – Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas (\$15.40)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of certificates active as of December 31,  
2002: 391  
2001: 383  
2000: N/A