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Wastewater/Groundwater Laboratory Certification

What Activities Require This Permit? The analysis of chemical and microbiological parameters performed by commercial, municipal, industrial and field environmental laboratories. The results of these analyses are reported through self monitoring programs to the N.C. Division of Water Resources and N.C. Division of Waste Management.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? The certification issued by this program is a declaration that the personnel, equipment, records, quality control procedures and methodology cited are accurate and that the laboratory's proficiency has been found to be acceptable pursuant to the laboratory certification rules.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Water Resources, Laboratory Certification Branch

How Much Will This Permit Cost?

Field Laboratory certification	\$150 annually
Commercial Field Laboratory certification	\$300 annually
Municipal/Industrial Laboratory certification	\$1,750 annually*
Commercial Laboratory certification	\$3,500 annually*
Application fee (does not apply to Field Laboratories)	\$300

* Minimum fee, may be higher based upon the number of parameters involved.

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?

We accept both checks and electronic payments. If mailing a check, mail payment to: DEQ/DWR Water Sciences Section, Attention: WW/GW Lab Certification, 1623 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1623.

Guidance on e-payments can be found here: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-data/water-sciences-home-page/laboratory-certification-branch/lc-epayments>

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?

Make checks payable to: DEQ/DWR Lab Certification. To ensure proper credit, please return a copy of the invoice with your payment and enter your laboratory certification # on the check.

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Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?

There are two applications - one for [field laboratories](#) and one for [commercial, municipal, industrial laboratories](#).

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Approximately 30 days from the receipt of a complete application package; for full service laboratories, approximately 60 days.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Submit the original and one copy to – N.C. DWR, Laboratory Certification Branch, 1623 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1623

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? One year: January 1 – December 31.

Notes/Comments: This is a certification, rather than a permit. An initial on-site inspection may be required prior to issuing certification. Field Laboratory is defined as a laboratory that analyzes the following Field Parameters only: Total Residual Chlorine, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Specific Conductance, Temperature, Settleable Residue, Free Available Chlorine, Sulfite, Salinity, Turbidity and VAR Options 5, 6 & 12.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: G.S. 143 Article 21

Links:

<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-data/water-sciences-home-page/laboratory-certification-branch>

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