

# Water

## Interbasin Transfer Certification

**What Activities Require This Permit?** This is a certification, rather than a permit. The transfer of more than 2 million gallons per day of surface water from one river basin to another.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To regulate large surface water transfers between river basins by requiring a certificate from the Environmental Management Commission (EMC).

**Who Issues This Permit?** The Environmental Management Commission.

### **How Much Will This Permit Cost?**

There is no application fee for an interbasin transfer (IBT) certificate. However, the certification process requires the development of an environmental document to study the impacts of the transfer, extensive multiple public notification processes, as well as water management and monitoring plans. The law specifies that the costs associated with the preparation of this environmental document, public notifications, and required plans are to be paid by the applicant. In the past, these costs have ranged from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Not applicable.

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** Not applicable.

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** There is no application form; however, a formal Petition document from the applicant is required. Important information is found at the following link:  
<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/water-supply-planning/interbasin-transfer-certification>

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** There is no certain amount of time required. However, in the past, the certification process has taken from two to five years to complete.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** N.C. Division of Water Resources, 1611 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1611.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** No expiration is specified by law. However, the EMC may impose a limit for which the certificate is valid if it finds a limit is necessary.

**Notes/Comments:** This is a certification, rather than a permit.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** GS 143-215.22L

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### **Statewide Contact Information:**

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