

**82a-1206. Licensure of water well contractors; application fee; disposition of moneys; water well contractors licensing fund abolished; standards for granting license.** (a) Every well contractor desiring to engage in the business of constructing, reconstructing or treating water wells in this state shall make initial application for a license to the secretary. Every contractor making such application shall set out such information as may be required upon forms to be adopted and furnished by the secretary. The secretary shall charge an application fee as established by rules and regulations for the filing of such initial application by a contractor, and the secretary shall not act upon any application until such application fee has been paid.

(b) All application fees and license fees collected hereunder shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund. On July 1, 1983, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys in the water well contractors licensing fund to the state general fund. All liabilities of the water well contractors licensing fund are hereby transferred to and imposed upon the state general fund. The water well contractors licensing fund is hereby abolished.

(c) A license to construct water wells shall be issued to any applicant if, under the standards set forth in K.S.A. 82a-1207, and amendments thereto, the secretary shall determine such applicant is qualified to conduct water well construction operations. In the granting of such licenses due regard shall be given to the interest of the state of Kansas in the protection of its underground water resources. Application fees paid hereunder shall be retained by the secretary whether such initial license is issued or denied, but if denied, the license fee shall be refunded.

(d) Applicants for licenses hereunder who are engaged in business as water well contractors in this state, if incorporated, shall submit evidence of current good standing with the registration requirements for corporations of the secretary of state.

**History:** L. 1973, ch. 417, § 6; L. 1974, ch. 352, § 174; L. 1979, ch. 334, § 3; L. 1983, ch. 286, § 14; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 474; July 1.