

**567—82.6(455B) Examinations.**

**82.6(1) Examination types.** There are four well contractor examinations available:

- a. General fundamentals examination - well drilling and pump installation contractors.
- b. Specialty examination - well drillers.
- c. Specialty examination - pump installers.
- d. Specialty examination - well plugging contractors.

**82.6(2) Required examinations.**

a. Well drilling contractors and pump installers must take and pass the general fundamentals examination and at least one of the specialty examinations. Examinations may be taken at the same time and place or at different times. Work shall be limited to the specialty in which proficiency has been demonstrated by written examination.

b. Well plugging contractors must take and pass the well plugging examination only.

**82.6(3) Examination application.**

a. A person wishing to take the examination(s) to become a certified well contractor shall complete and submit an examination application form provided by the department.

b. All examination applications shall be accompanied by the examination fee.

c. The department may allow local county environmental health officials to take an examination, even if they do not meet the work experience or training requirements, provided they pay the examination fee. If an official receives a passing score on the examination, they will receive a letter of acknowledgement; however, they will not be certified and will not be allowed to perform any well services.

**82.6(4) Application evaluation.** After evaluating an application, the department will notify an applicant of examination eligibility or noneligibility.

**82.6(5) Application expiration.** An approved examination application shall be valid for one year from the approval date. All required examinations shall be completed within one year of application.

**82.6(6) Examination fee refund.** The department may refund a portion of the examination or reexamination fee for an applicant who does not qualify for examination within one year of application approval. If an applicant will qualify for a scheduled examination within one year, the fee will not be refunded.

**82.6(7) Reexamination.**

a. Upon failure of the first examination, an applicant may apply for reexamination. Upon failure of the second examination, the applicant must wait a period of 180 days between each subsequent reexamination.

b. Upon each reexamination while a valid application is on file, an applicant shall submit the examination fee to the department.

**82.6(8) Application invalidation.** Failure to successfully complete the necessary examinations within one year from the application approval date shall invalidate an application.

**82.6(9) Oral examination.** Upon written request by an applicant, the director will consider administering an oral examination on an individual basis when: the applicant has failed the written examination at least twice; the applicant has shown difficulty in reading or understanding written questions but may be able to respond to oral questioning; the applicant is capable of communicating in writing with regard to departmental requirements and inquiries; and the director has received a written recommendation for an oral examination from a department staff member attesting to the operational and performance capabilities of the applicant.

**82.6(10) Reasonable accommodation.** Upon an applicant's request, the director will consider reasonable accommodation to allow administration of an examination without discrimination on the basis of disability. An applicant shall request accommodation 30 days prior to the examination date. An applicant shall provide documentation of eligibility for the accommodation with the examination application form. Accommodations based on documentation may include site accessibility, oral examination, extended time, separate testing area, or other concerns. If an oral examination is considered a reasonable accommodation, the oral examination fee shall apply.

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