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# Fee Schedule

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# APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE PERMIT

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 310)

*Please use our EASY on-line Fee Estimator:*  
[http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_fee\\_calculator/](http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/)

## I. To Appropriate Ground Water or Surface Water

Surface Water Base.....	\$800.00
Ground Water Base.....	\$1150.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> cubic foot per second (cfs) or fraction thereof.....	\$300.00
Each additional cfs or fraction thereof.....	\$300.00
Each additional use, point of diversion or well after the 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$300.00
Permit Recording Fee .....	See page 3

*If also proposing to appropriate stored water under the same application, add the following:*

<b>Each acre foot (af)</b> or fraction thereof up to 20 af .....	\$30.00
Each additional af or fraction thereof .....	\$1.00

## II. To Appropriate Surface Water for STORAGE

Surface Water Base.....	\$800.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
<b>Each acre foot (af)</b> or fraction thereof up to 20 af .....	\$30.00
Each additional af or fraction thereof .....	\$1.00
Each additional storage location after the 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$125.00
Permit Recording Fee .....	See page 3

## III. To Appropriate ONLY Stored Surface Water

Base.....	\$450.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
<b>Each acre foot (af)</b> or fraction thereof up to 20 af .....	\$30.00
Each additional af or fraction thereof .....	\$1.00
Permit Recording Fee .....	See page 3

*If appropriating ground water for above ground storage, direct ground water use, and use of above ground storage under a single application, use the following fee structure:*

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[http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_fee\\_calculator/](http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/)*

**To Appropriate Ground Water**

Base .....	\$1150.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> cfs or fraction thereof.....	\$300.00
Each additional cfs or fraction thereof.....	\$300.00
Each additional use or well after the 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$300.00

**ADD: Above Ground Storage**

<b><u>Each</u> acre foot (af) or fraction thereof up to 20 af .....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Each additional af or fraction thereof .....	\$1.00
Each additional reservoir location after the 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	\$125.00

**ADD: Appropriation of Stored Ground Water**

<b><u>Each</u> acre foot (af) or fraction thereof up to 20 af .....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Each additional af or fraction thereof .....	\$1.00
Permit Recording Fee .....	See below

**ALTERNATE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING RESERVOIRS**

(Storing less than 9.2 acre-feet or dam less than 10 feet in height) ORS 537.409

Base .....	\$350.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
<b><u>Each</u> acre foot (af) or fraction thereof.....</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Permit Recording Fee .....	See below

**PERMIT RECORDING FEES**

*As of July 1, 2009 there is a permit recording fee required for all new permits, including permits issued under the Alternate Reservoir Process. These fees must be paid prior to permit issuance and may be paid earlier. A refund will be made if the fee is paid early but no permit is issued.*

The fees are as follows:

Standard permit recording fee.....	\$450.00
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Additional fee if permit approval involves mitigation for impacts to the proposed water source .....	\$575.00
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## WATER USE AUTHORIZATIONS

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 340)

### I. Limited License

Base 1<sup>st</sup> point of diversion .....\$250.00

*PLUS:*

Each additional point of diversion .....\$25.00

For a limited license filing requiring the use of water for Aquifer

Storage and Recovery testing purposes .....\$1,000.00

For renewal of a limited license for Aquifer Storage and Recovery  
testing purposes .....\$500.00

For modification of a limited license for Aquifer Storage and  
Recovery testing purposes.....\$500.00

For a limited license filing requesting the use of water for

Artificial Groundwater Recharge purposes .....\$1,000.00

### II. Registration of Water Use for Road Maintenance and Construction

Initial application .....\$300.00

Renewal (each year).....\$50.00

## TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHTS (CHANGES TO WATER RIGHTS)

(OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 380 and 385)

Please use our EASY on-line Fee Estimator  
([http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_fee\\_calculator/](http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator/)),  
or the worksheets in the application forms. For additional  
assistance in calculating transfer fees, call (503) 986-0801  
or (503) 986-0890

### I. Regular Transfers, Permit Amendments and Water Right Exchanges

*A type of change is any of the following: place of use, point of diversion/appropriation, or character of use.*

Base: minimum fee for one change to a single water right.....\$1000.00

*PLUS:*

Additional fee for transfers that change a well location, add a well,  
or change from a surface water diversion to a well).....\$350.00

Each additional water right or permit (including supplemental water rights) \$450.00

Each additional type of change requested: .....\$800.00

For a change in place of use or type of use or water exchange:

For each cubic foot per second (cfs) or fraction in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> cfs .....\$300.00

(CALCULATE CFS FOR PRIMARY RIGHTS ONLY, NOT SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS)

**II. TEMPORARY TRANSFERS**

*Temporary transfers are allowed for a change in place of use, point of diversion/appropriation to facilitate a change in place of use, character of use identified in a right to store water, (and change in use under some circumstances in the Deschutes Basin).*

Base fee for change to one water right .....	\$700.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
Additional fee to change a well location or add a well.....	\$350.00
Each additional water right or permit (including supplemental water rights) ...	\$225.00
Irrigation uses: charge per acre of land irrigated (acres of primary irr. only) .....	\$2.00
Non-Irrigation uses: charge for each cfs or fraction beyond the 1 <sup>st</sup> cfs .....	\$175.00

**III. Permanent Irrigation District Transfers**

Base fee for change to one water right .....	\$1000.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
Each additional water right or permit (including supplemental rights) .....	\$450.00
For each cubic foot per second (cfs) or fraction in addition to the 1 <sup>st</sup> cfs .....	\$300.00
(CALCULATE CFS FOR PRIMARY RIGHTS ONLY, <u>NOT</u> SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS)	

**IV. Temporary Irrigation District Transfers**

Base fee for change to one water right .....	\$700.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
Additional fee for transfers that change a well location or add a well.....	\$350.00
Each additional water right or permit (including supplemental rights) .....	\$225.00
Irrigation uses: charge per acre of land irrigated (acres of primary irr. only) .....	\$2.00
(or \$0.50 if submitted in a Department approved digital format)	
Non-Irrigation uses: charge for each cfs or fraction beyond the 1 <sup>st</sup> cfs .....	\$175.00

**V. Substitution of Surface Water Right for Supplemental Ground Water Right**

Base fee for first well substitution .....	\$725.00
<i>PLUS:</i>	
Each additional well substitution .....	\$350.00

**Waiver of Fees (OAR 690-380-3400)**

The Director shall waive \$100.00 or 50 percent of the application fee, whichever is greater, for that portion of a change to a water right permit under ORS 537.211(4) or a water right subject to transfer under ORS 540.520 or 540.523, that is:

- (1) To establish an instream water right pursuant to ORS 537.348; (2) is necessary to complete a project funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board under ORS 541.932; or (3) determined and endorsed in writing by ODFW as a change that will result in a net benefit to fish and wildlife habitat.

## **GROUND WATER REGISTRATION MODIFICATIONS**

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 382)

Examination of an application to ONLY change the place of use under a ground water certificate of registration .....\$775.00

Examination of all other applications to modify a ground water certificate of registration.....\$1125.00

**NOTE:** If the applicant for a modification to change the point of appropriation (well) abandons the original well identified in the claim according to well construction standards within one year of the Department’s recognition of the modification, the applicant may request a refund of \$100.00 of the fee paid under OAR 690-382-0400(18)(b).

## **INSTREAM LEASES**

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 77)

### **To lease a water right instream:**

for a lease involving four or more landowners or four or more water rights ....\$450.00  
for all other leases .....\$300.00

**To renew a lease** .....\$110.00

## **ALLOCATION OF CONSERVED WATER**

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 18)

### **Examination of an application for an allocation of conserved water:**

For the 1<sup>st</sup> right involved in the allocation.....\$1000.00\*

*\*Fee may be reduced under ORS 536.050(5)*

*PLUS:*

Each additional right involved in the allocation.....\$350.00

## **WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLAN**

(OAR Chapter 690, Division 86)

**Examination of a water management and conservation plan:**

For a plan submitted by an agricultural water supplier .....\$500.00

For a plan submitted by a municipal water supplier serving a population  
of 1,000 or less .....\$900.00

For a plan submitted by a municipal water supplier serving a population  
of more than 1,000.....\$1,800.00

**WELL CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLIANCE FEES**

**Start Card** (Notice of Beginning of Well Construction) fee .....\$225.00

Each Start Card submitted for the construction of a new well, deepening of an existing well, or conversion of a well is to be accompanied by a fee of \$225.00. This includes both water supply and monitoring wells. (ORS 537.762)

**Geotechnical Hole Fees** (First Hole).....\$25.00

Each additional hole in a 7 day period on the same project site .....\$10.00

A geotechnical hole is constructed to collect subsurface data, monitor movement of landslide features, or to stabilize or dewater landslide features.

A geotechnical hole report shall be signed by an Oregon licensed Monitoring Well Constructor, an Oregon licensed Water Well Constructor, an Oregon Registered Geologist or an Oregon Professional Engineer and must be submitted to the Department if the geotechnical hole is (ORS 537.880-537.895):

- Greater than 18 feet deep;
- Within 50 feet of a water supply or monitoring well;
- Used to make a determination of water quality; or
- Constructed in an area of known or reasonably suspected contamination.

**Landowner Permit Fee**.....\$25.00

If a well is to be constructed, altered, abandoned or converted by a person on property owned by that person, by means of a well drilling machine, the person shall obtain a permit from the Commission before beginning work. (ORS 537.753)

**Well Construction Exam Study Packet Fee** .....\$30.00

A Well Construction Exam Study Packet includes copies of Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes, with appendices, tables and figures, pertaining to the appropriation and use of groundwater, State of Oregon licensing requirements, well construction, and the preparation and filing of Start Cards and Well Reports. The fee is only charged if the applicant would like a printed copy of the study packet. The packet is also available on-line for free. [http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/GW/Well\\_constructors.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/GW/Well_constructors.aspx) (ORS 537.750)

**Well Constructor License Fees**

Initial License Fee.....	\$150.00
Renewal License Fee (licenses are valid for two-years).....	\$150.00
Late License Renewal Fee (includes \$100.00 late fee) .....	\$250.00

Any person advertising services to construct, alter, abandon or convert wells, offer to enter or enter into a contract with another person or public agency to construct, alter, abandon or convert a well for such other person, cause any well construction, alteration, abandonment or conversion to be performed under such a contract or operate well drilling machinery shall possess a water well constructor’s license therefor in good standing issued by the Oregon Water Resources Department. (ORS 537.747)

<b>Exempt Use Well Fee</b> .....	\$300.00
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The exempt use fee is paid to record new exempt use groundwater wells. The program is meant to improve the management of groundwater throughout the state. The fee is used to support the evaluation of groundwater supplies, conducting groundwater studies, carrying out groundwater monitoring and the processing of groundwater data. (ORS 537.545)

**ANNUAL DAM SAFETY FEES**  
(OAR Chapter 690, Division 20)

The hazard rating is based on potential damage a dam can do to downstream infrastructure or people if it catastrophically failed. It is not a reflection on the condition or maintenance of the existing dam. The rating is determined by calculating or estimating the degree of flooding that would occur and whether homes, roads or business would be flooded, and if there is a potential for loss of life.

Low Hazard Dam Safety Fee.....	\$85.00
Significant Hazard Dam Safety Fee.....	\$170.00
High Hazard Dam Safety Fee .....	\$575.00

**OTHER FEES**

Extension of time to develop a water use permit or transfer .....	\$575.00
Filing a protest:	
by a non-applicant .....	\$700.00
by an applicant .....	\$350.00
To request standing in a contested case hearing .....	\$200.00
To participate in a contested case hearing (requires standing) .....	\$500.00
To receive a copy of a proposed and final order on a pending water right application or permit extension .....	\$25.00
Assignment or partial assignment of a water right application, permit or license under 537.220 or 537.635 .....	\$85.00
To reinstate a permit that has been cancelled .....	\$450.00
To submit a Claim of Beneficial Use for permits or transfers with a priority date of July 9, 1987 or later .....	\$175.00
To request a Basin Program Exception under 536.295 .....	\$575.00
Blueprint or computer generated map .....	actual cost of the work
Certification of copies (fee for each certificate) .....	\$10.00
Copying of documents by WRD:	
For the 1 <sup>st</sup> page .....	\$2.00
For each additional page .....	\$0.50
Copying of documents by customer:	
Charge per page .....	\$0.10
	Minimum charge....\$2.00
Water right research and scanning:	
Charge per hour .....	actual cost
	Minimum charge (½ hour)
Adjudication Claim Fees .....	see ORS 539.081