



The Official Newsletter of the Florida Water Well Administrator

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IN-PERSON COURSEWORK

The FWWA recommends that you contact the Course Provider to ensure the in-person coursework is still scheduled due to COVID-19.

Organization: North Central Florida Water Well Association

Contact: Noreen Grimes
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Date: April 16, 2020
Location: Gainesville, FL
CE Credits: 1 R/R
Course Title: Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

This course will cover common roadside violations, types of inspections and more.

Organization: Florida Ground Water Association

Contact: Danielle Jessup
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Date: May28-30, 2020
Location: Orlando, FL
CE Credits: 10 R/R, 6 S/B
Course Title: 2020 FGWA Annual Convention & Trade Show
The schedule includes two full days of education, offering the 12 hours of CE credits. For more info visit www.fgwa.org/annual-convention-trade-show/

ONLINE COURSEWORK

If you are in need of obtaining CE credits during the social distancing period, see online coursework options below.

Organization: All Star Training, Inc.

Contact: John Mason
Phone: (817) 385-1136
Email: admin@allstarCE.com

FL Water Well CE
Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 1 S/B

DEAR LICENSED DRILLER,

We hope this newsletter is being received in good health. During this time, please know that the Florida Water Well Administrator is here for you to provide resources to assist you and your business. This newsletter encompasses many of the standard reminders for licensed drillers; however, we have added a section to include a list of focused resource links to help with questions on a variety of issues. We are working as carefully as possible to share resource links from validated sources. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions at 844-359-9238 or email djessup@executiveoffice.org.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

If your state or county is under a “shelter in place” or “lockdown” order, you have the right to keep drilling wells, installing pumps, maintaining water systems, and performing any duty that ensures water keeps flowing for your customers. If you do experience any issues with state or local government officials keeping you from running your business, please let NGWA and FGWA know as soon as possible. Visit www.fgwa.org for more information.

National Ground Water Association Resources

<https://www.ngwa.org/publications-and-news/covid-19-news-and-resources/>

Contractor COVID-19 Checklist: https://www.ngwa.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/contractor-toolkit/ngwqa-contractor-covid-19-checklist.pdf?sfvrsn=1529519c_2

Business Links Related to Wage and Hour; Disaster Relief Programs

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations/Index> - The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus.

Regional SBA Office Search: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find/?type=SBA%20Regional%20Office&pageNumber=1>

District SBA Office Search: <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find/?type=SBA%20District%20Office&pageNumber=1>

Some states may offer state business loan assistance outside of the SBA national program. To determine if your state has such resources, look for local programs at:

- <https://eda.gov/resources/>
- <http://www.economicdevelopmenthq.com/economic-development-agencies/united-states/>

**Organization: Easler Education Inc. D/B/A
DrugTestingCourses.com**

Contact: Andrew Easler

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Email: info@drugtestingcourses.com

DOT & Non-DOT Employee Water Well Drug Awareness Course

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

DOT Reasonable Suspicion Training for Water Well Supervisors

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

Non-DOT Reasonable Suspicion for Water Well Supervisors

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 4 S/B

Organization: Goulds Water Technology

Contact: Nicholas Matthews

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Introduction to Vertical Turbine Pumps

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Variable Frequency Drives Training

Hours/Type: 0R/R, 1 S/B

Basic Water Systems Training

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Organization: Int'l School Of Well Drilling

Contact: Lorraine Mastropietro

Phone: (863) 648-1565

Email: director@welldrillingschool.com

Aquifer Storage Recovery

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Basic Geology

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Drilling Safety

Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Generic Well Abandonment

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part I

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Geothermal Heating & Cooling Part II

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Groundwater Basics

Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Short Time Compensation Program for Employers:

<http://www.floridajobs.org/office-directory/division-of-workforce-services/reemployment-assistance-programs/short-time-compensation-program-for-employers>

Business Impact Analysis: <https://www.ready.gov/business-impact-analysis>

Pandemic: <https://www.ready.gov/pandemic>

FAQ's Regarding Furloughs and Other Reductions in Pay and Hours Worked Issues: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fact-sheets/70-flsa-furloughs>

Business Guidance on COVID 19 from OSHA and CDC

CDC COVID-19 Updates: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employees:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for a Pandemic:

https://www.osha.gov/Publications/influenza_pandemic.html

THE NEXT RENEWAL CYCLE IS IN FULL SWING

August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2021 (pursuant to rule 62-531.330(3), F.A.C)

Don't wait until the last minute to accrue the required 12 CE credits you need to renew your license in 2021. Approved coursework is posted to the FWWA Website weekly. To view available courses, visit www.flwwceu.org. As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) coursework hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R) and no more than six (6) coursework hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B). A maximum of six (6) coursework hours for CE credit may be obtained online.

For more information and details about the FWWA CE Courses and Rules, please visit www.flwwceu.org.

HOW TO GET COURSEWORK APPROVED THAT IS NOT PRE-APPROVED THROUGH THE FWWA

Obtaining Continuing Education Credits (CECs) from non-approved providers, whether in Florida or out-of-state, is possible if you are proactive. It is good practice before you spend the time and the money to attend a course or continuing education event, to gather the information on the course(s) and send to the Florida Water Well Administrator for review. There is a strict criterion that the course must contain. To have your course reviewed prior to attending, please complete steps 1-3 below. If you are submitting the information post-coursework completion, please complete all steps below.

1. Coursework agenda. This should include a breakdown of the timeline for the course.
2. Detailed coursework description/summary of each coursework

Injection Wells
Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part I
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Rehabilitation Part II
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Well Development
Hours/Type: 1 R/R, 0 S/B

Drilling Methods
Hours/Type: 2 R/R, 0 S/B

Organization: National Drilling Association

Contact: Becky McWilliam
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NDA Drilling Safety Certification
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

NDA Monitor Well Construction Certification
Hours/Type: 3 R/R, 0 S/B

NDA Groundwater Knowledge Certification
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Basic Geotechnical Procedures Qualification 101
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 3 S/B

Organization: RedVector.com, LLC

Contact: Ellen Sakamoto
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Business Management: Brief Overview
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Running Your Own Consulting Business: Getting Started
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 2 S/B

Worksite Safety 01: OSHA Safety Introduction
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 05: OSHA Personal Protective Equipment
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

Worksite Safety 08: OSHA Power Tools and Excavations
Hours/Type: 0 R/R, 1 S/B

hour attended for CE credit.

3. Coursework instructor(s) biography or resume.
4. If sending documentation post-coursework, a Certificate of Attendance or letter from provider confirming completion of course is required. This must include the date, time and location of course as well as the contractors name and license number (if applicable).

All non-approved coursework will be reviewed by the Florida Water Well Administrator. Approval/denial will be based on the above mandatory criteria submitted by the contractor or person seeking licensure. It is the responsibility of the individual seeking licensure or license renewal to send the required materials to the FWWA for review.

WELL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER

Contractor's license number shall be continuously displayed in a conspicuous place on both sides of each piece of drilling equipment owned, leased, or operated by the contractor. The number shall be easily readable by a person with normal vision and shall be in a color which will contrast with its background. The number shall be presented in numerals not less than two inches high.

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CEC BY THE NUMBERS REPORT (statistics as of 3/19/2020)

This information applies to the 2019-2021 CE renewal period. Contractors with 12 CECs can renew their license to practice water well contracting for the August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023 biennial license cycle.

- Total # of contractors in the Continuing Education Database: 974
 - # of active licensed Water Well Contractors: 749
 - # of inactive contractors since last renewal: 105
 - # of pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 120

CE Credit Statistics (deadline July 31, 2021)

- Licensed contractors who completed 12 CE credits: 1
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CE credits: 912
- Licensed contractors that have 1-11 CE credits: 61

Coursework Statistics

- Coursework offered since the beginning of the program: 1,767
- Individually titled courses offered since last renewal (August 1, 2019): 25
- Total courses offered since August 1, 2019 (includes multiple coursework offerings): 28
- # of coursework hours available from August 1, 2019 to date: 203



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