



**Chester County Health Department  
Bureau of Environmental Health Protection  
Division of Water and Sewage**

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**Guidelines for the Administration of the Proficiency Test  
for Well Drillers, Geothermal Well Installation Contractors & Pump Installers**

Any person intending to engage in business as a Well Driller, Geothermal Well Installation Contractor or Pump Installation Contractor in Chester County must first pass a proficiency test and then obtain a license. The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible to take the tests listed above:

**Well Driller Test:** bring proof of experience (minimum 3 years experience)

**Geothermal Well Test:** hold a current Well Driller License

**Pump Installer Test:** no requirements

The following guidelines are formulated to ensure that the proficiency test is administered in the most efficient manner. Please read the following information completely prior to taking the test:

1. Testing dates and times are listed on the Health Dept. website. **Please call the phone number above for an appointment.**
2. A score of **76 or above** must be obtained in order to pass the Well Driller's Test or Pump Installer Test.  
A score of **75 or above** must be obtained in order to pass the Geothermal Well Test.

If a passing score is not attained on the first attempt, you will be allowed to retake the test at the next scheduled Exam date.

All questions on this test are derived from the Chester County Health Department Rules & Regulations, Chapter 500, §501: *Water Well Construction, Monitoring Wells, Individual, Semi-Public and Public Water Supplies, and Geothermal Boreholes*. A copy of this information can be obtained at the Health Dept. office.

3. The test will be graded and the results will be reported immediately.
4. The average testing time is about one hour. Tests may be started as early as 8:30 am but must be handed in by 10:30 am.
5. A fee of \$35 for each test is charged. The fee for each retest is an additional \$35.00. The testing fees are in addition to the application/license fee.
6. No reference materials are allowed in the testing area. Anyone found to have any materials other than the test and answer sheet in the testing area will be automatically dismissed, receive a failing score, and will not be eligible to take the test again for a minimum of 90 days. A second offense will result in dismissal from the testing area, a failing score, and the delay of eligibility for a minimum of 365 days.

7. No copies of the test or answer sheet may be taken from the Testing Room of the Chester County Health Department Office. Once handed in for grading, the answer sheet and test will not be returned for further review. Neither the test proctor nor any Department personnel are permitted to answer any questions concerning matters of content of the test. You may submit written comments on a separate sheet, which will be forwarded to supervisory personnel.

If you have any further questions, please call 610.344.5368

I, hereby affirm that I have read and understand the "Guidelines for the Administration of the Proficiency Test for Well Drillers, Geothermal Well Installation Contractors & for Pump Installers". I also agree to abide by the conditions outlined in these "Guidelines".

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Signature Date

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Witness Date