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HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CE CREDITS

All licensed Water Well Contractors and those seeking licensure can view the status of their credits on the Florida Water Well Administrators Website, www.flwwceu.org. Follow these steps to ensure your credits are listed properly:

1. Visit www.flwwceu.org and click on the CE Credits tab at the top.
 2. Select the cycle you are currently obtaining credits for.
 3. Credits are listed by water well contractors last name, alphabetically. You may also search for your last name in the search bar
 4. If you do not see your name on the list and think you should have credits listed, it could possibly be because of the following reasons:
 - a) We do not have a copy of your certificate of attendance forms from the courses you completed
 - b) You did not pay the conversion fee of \$14 per credit hour
 - c) Your license went into the inactive status with the Water Management District (WMD) and although you have obtained CE credits and paid conversion fees, we need confirmation from the WMD to change your status back to Active.
 - d) You recently submitted your certificates and conversion fees and have not allowed ample time for processing. Once paperwork and fees have been received by the Administrator, it takes about 7-10 business days to process and update to the website.
 5. If you went through the steps above and believe your credits are inaccurate or not currently listed on the website, please call the Administrator directly at 850-205-5641.
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HOW MANY CE CREDITS WILL BE OFFERED FOR ONLINE COURSES?

A MAXIMUM of (3) three hours of CE credits may be obtained online. If you complete a 4, 6 or even 8 hour online course, you will only be able to convert 3 hours for your license. This includes online OSHA and Hazwoper Renewal courses.

Online hours can be obtained for Rules and Regulations as well as Safety Business credits.

2 EASY WAYS TO SATISFY 6 HOURS OF SAFETY BUSINESS CREDITS

1. OSHA / Hazwoper Refresher courses (remember that a maximum of 6 of your required 12 hours can be in the business/safety practices category so you can convert only 6 hours of what is typically an 8 or 40-hour refresher course)
2. CPR/ First Aid Certifications



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THE 2015-2017 RENEWAL CYCLE IS IN FULL SWING

Licensees must have a total of 12 CECs, with a minimum of 6 CECs in rules/well construction practices and a maximum of 3 online CECs by July 31, 2017 for license renewal.

Upcoming Courses

Date	Title	Provider	Hours/Type	Location
4/27/16	Pump Basics	Coast Pump Water Technologies, Inc.	3 S/B	Fort Walton Beach, FL
5/6-5/7/16	FGWA Annual Convention & Trade Show	Florida Ground Water Association	12 Hours	Orlando, FL
6/9/16	Business Crime Prevention	West Coast Chapter of FGWA	1 S/B	Tampa, FL
Various	Water Well Contractors – Accounting	Gold Coast School of Construction, Inc.	6 S/B	Tamarac, FL
Online	Various Courses	International School of Well Drilling	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	Red Vector, LLC	Various	Online
Online	Various Courses	National Drilling Assoc.	Various	Online
Online	Hydrology, Seals and Liners, Sinkholes	All Star Training, Inc.	3 S/B	Online

For a complete list of course offerings, visit the FWWA CE Website at www.flwwceu.org and click the “Course Offerings” link. The courses are listed in order by date (online course offerings appear at the end of the list). The website is updated weekly with approved course offerings.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is the CEC conversion fee for and why do I have to pay it?

The CEC conversion fee is a charge to convert your CE hours into credits. The fee is paid directly to the Florida Water Well Administrator and is used to pay the costs of administering the Florida Water Well Contractor Continuing Education (CE) Program. This fee ensures that the water well contractor continuing education program, as required by Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, Part III, Regulation of Wells, can be properly administered year after year.

A Florida water well contractor license demonstrates your professionalism and knowledge of the laws under which contractors are regulated, confirms that you are informed with up-to-date information on new technologies, and most important of all, confirms your ability and knowledge to design and construct water wells that are protective of public health and the ground water resource – ITS YOUR BREAD AND BUTTER!! The CE Program provides you with a unique opportunity to take many different classes to expand your foundation of knowledge and to grow your business.



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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.



Rulemaking Authority 373.043, 373.309, 373.337 FS. Law Implemented 373.323, 373.326, 373.329 FS. History—New 8-18-73, Amended 10-9-84, Formerly 17-20.06, 17-20.060, Amended 5-25-89, Formerly 17-531.380, Amended 6-22-14.

CEC by the Numbers for the 2015-2017 Renewal Cycle

CEC by the Numbers

- Total number of individuals in the CEC Database: 1,183 (does not include deceased contractors)
 - Number of Active Licensed Water Well Contractors: 846
 - Number of Inactive contractors since August 1, 2015: 177
 - Number of Pending contractors (individuals seeking licensure): 160

2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle Statistics

- Licensed contractors that completed 12 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 3
- Licensed contractors who have 0 CEC hours for the 2015 – 2017 CEC Cycle: 762
- Licensed contractors that have between 1 and 11 CECs for the 2015 – 2017 Cycle: 81

Course Approval Information

- Courses Offered Since the Beginning of the Program: 1,476
- Individually Titled Courses Offered Since August 1, 2015 to date: 30
- Total Courses offered since August 1, 2015 to date: 39 (includes online and multiple coursework offerings)
- Number of course hours available from August 1, 2015 to date: 169

Statistics are as of March 29, 2016



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REMINDER!

You must have all 12 credits and conversion fees submitted to the FWWA office by the July 31, 2017 deadline.

As a reminder, a minimum of six (6) hours must be in the rules/well construction category (R/R), no more than six (6) hours may be in the business/safety practices category (S/B) and you can receive a maximum of three (3) hours online.