

## How to: Apply for a Groundwater License in BC



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**What:** Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 all non-domestic users of groundwater in British Columbia must obtain a water licence and pay water fees and rentals.

**Why:** It’s a legal requirement as part of the Water Sustainability Act. Groundwater licensing establishes equity between stream water and groundwater users, and provides additional benefits.

Steps

**Step 1:** Make sure that as an existing user of groundwater you are using the water beneficially (Note: If you are a new groundwater user you follow a different process to the one outlined below).

Web links

[New Groundwater Requirements](#)

**Step 2:** As a non-domestic user prepare to apply for a groundwater license. (*Domestic Use:* Use for household purposes). For full definitions check the Water Sustainability Act.

[Water Sustainability Act](#)

**Step 3:** Review the Guide: *Entering an Application for an Existing Groundwater Licence in Virtual FrontCounter BC* (The application process is lengthy, so it’s worth obtaining a BCeID –see next step- so that you can make your application over several sessions if necessary).

[Guide in Virtual FrontCounter BC](#)

**Step 4:** Obtain a BC electronic identification, known as BCeID. BCeID is an Online Service that makes it possible for you to use your user ID and password to sign in securely to BCeID participating Government Online Services.

[BC electronic identification BCeID](#)

**Step 5:** After reviewing the Guide assemble the information you require to make the application. Consult with other water system operators or specialists if necessary who can help you find the information required for the application.

[Canadian Water Directory - BC Section](#)



**Step 6:** Go to the webpage of FrontCounter BC and choose START. Work through the application process; find out how to remit the required fees, and ensure you can provide the signature(s) that may be required.

[FrontCounterBC](#)

**Step 7:** Check on the progress of your application by visiting FrontCounter BC and entering your BCeID and Password.

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DEADLINES: To 1st March 2017 – Application Fees Waived

To 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Date of Precedence Granted

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