# Plumber Exemption vs. Level D Certification as a Well Contractor

## Guide for Pump Installers

**S.L. 2009-418 Plumber Exemption**

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<th>Licensed Plumber (actual licensed plumber, not sub-licensee)</th>
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***for exemption, need continuing education relating to well seals & disinfection, to be taken within 2 years prior to performing the well contractor activity. Plumber must maintain this documentation.***

- Must be present on site while the well contractor activities are being performed.
- Electrical *license* required to wire well pump?  Yes
- Electrical *permit* required to wire well pump?  Yes

## Level D Certification as a Well Contractor

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- Must be present on site while the well contractor activities are being performed.
- Electrical license required to wire well pump? - Certified well contractors are exempt per session law 2014-120 (S734) which took effect 9/18/2014, to run electrical wires "from the well pump to the pressure switch."
- Electrical permit required to wire well pump? - No, per session law 2015-246 (H44) which took effect 9/23/2015, issuance of a well permit constitutes authorization for electrical wiring when a well contractor installs the well pump. Would still need to call for inspection.

## Activities Allowed:

- Breaking/Installing well seal & well disinfection
  - for the purpose of installation, replacement or repair of a well pump or pumping equipment within or near the well.
  - **would cover initial disinfection when well pump installed, but not subsequent disinfections needed from any bad water samples.**

- Breaking/Installing well seal & well disinfection.
  - (no limit by purpose)
  - é can be relating to down-hole camera work
  - é can disinfect as part of routine well maintenance
  - é can disinfect well as part of home sale requirements
  - é water system operator would use to disinfect well water supply
  - ...can install well seal & disinfect on newly constructed well
  - é can change out a well pump and disinfect the well
  - é can disinfect a well after bad water sample results...

## Advertising Opportunities:

- Licensed by the State to work on plumbing systems
- Certified by the State to work on wells

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