

**Kansas Water Well Contractor's Licensure Examination Study Guide – 12 March 2022**  
KDHE/Bureau of Water/Geology & Well Technology Unit  
Water Well Program

Currently the Kansas water well contractor's licensure exam consists of six (6) sections that require knowledge of the KDHE water well record (Forms WWC-5 & WWC-5P), Public Land Survey System, KDHE water well statutes and regulations (Article 12 and Article 30, respectively), public water supply well construction regulations, portions of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act and its associated regulations, and basic Kansas geology, groundwater and aquifers.

On the **Water Well Program** website located at <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/347/Water-Well-Program>, active links to the left will take one to information under the headings listed below to help study for the Kansas Water Well Contractor's Licensure Exam as detailed in the previous paragraph. **Red text** provides important information and instructions to study for the exam.

#### Water Well Forms & Procedures

- **Forms** – WWC-5 Water Well Record and WWC-5P Water Well Plugging Record.
- **Regulations** – Article 12 Groundwater Exploration and Protection Act, and Article 30 Water Well Contractor's License; Water Well Construction and Abandonment. **Knowledge of Articles 12 and 30 is critical for passing the licensure exam.** Please note that regulations 28-30-200 through 28-30-207 in Article 30 apply to water well and borehole plugging and abandonment, and inactive water well status inside the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District #2 (GMD #2).

#### Links

- **Kansas Department of Agriculture** – click on Division of Water Resources Home Page. Then select Laws, Statutes & Regulations from the blue boxes at left. Scroll down and click on links to the two documents below:
  - Kansas Water Appropriations Act (July 2021) - K.S.A. 82a-701 to 82a-722, 82a-724 to 82a-734a, 82a-736, 82a-737, 82a-741 to 82a-745. **General knowledge of the Act is required – with focus on groundwater.**
  - Kansas Water Appropriation Act Rules and Regulations (Dec. 2021) - **For the purpose of taking the exam, it is only necessary to study the following - focus will be on the process, permits, groundwater and wells:**  
K.A.R. 5-1-1 thru 5-1-3 (pgs. 1-9); K.A.R. 5-2-3 thru 5-2-4 (pg. 18);  
K.A.R. 5-3-1 thru 5-3-5d (pgs. 18-31); K.A.R. 5-6-13 (pgs. 99-109);  
K.A.R. 5-9-1 thru 5-9-11 (pgs. 124-127); and K.A.R. 5-14-1 (pgs. 137-139).
- **Kansas Geological Survey** – click View All
  - Drilling a Water Well on Your Land: What You Should Know – *KGS Public Information Circular 23*, and
  - The Public Land Survey System in Kansas – Parts 1-4 – *KGS Public Information Circular 20*.  
**Proper use of the Public Land Survey System must be demonstrated as part of the exam.**
  - KGS Educational Series 10 - *Kansas Ground Water* at:  
<http://www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/Bulletins/ED10/index.html>. Study the basics of geology and groundwater of Kansas in this online document.

On the **Public Water Supply Section** website at: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/409/Public-Water-Supply>, click on the following links on the left. Engineering & Permits, then Minimum Design Standards for Public Water Supply. Scroll down and select Chapter IV Source Development. **The exam will not cover surface water sources (Section C in this document).**