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**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
CHAPTER 5. FEES**

**Introduction:**

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**785:5-1-1. Purpose**

The rules in this Chapter are to specify the

fees and charges to be collected by the Board for applications, copies, filing papers, making records, providing transcripts and other specified services, all as authorized by 82 O.S. 1981, §§1085.2(9) and 1087.15.

**785:5-1-2. Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**"APA"** means and refers to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act set forth in 75 O.S. 1981, §§301 et seq., as amended.

**"Appropriation"** means the process under 82 O.S. 1981, §§105 et seq., by which an appropriative stream water right is acquired. A completed appropriation results in an appropriative right.

**"Board"** means the Oklahoma Water Resources Board authorized by law to make final adjudications, execute contracts, adopt rules and carry out other powers and duties set forth by law or, for duties authorized by law to be delegated to the Executive Director, the Executive Director or any employee or agent or staff member thereof as assigned by the Executive Director.

**"Definite stream"** means a *watercourse in a definite, natural channel, with defined beds and banks, originating from a definite source or sources of supply. The stream may flow intermittently or at irregular intervals if that is characteristic of the sources of supply in the area* [82:105.1(B)].

**"Executive Director"** means the Executive

Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

**"Groundwater"** means fresh water under the surface of the earth regardless of the geologic structure in which it is standing or moving outside the cut bank of any definite stream. [82:1020.1]

**"Person"** means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, business or public trusts, federal agency, state agency, the State or any political subdivision thereof, municipalities, and any other duly constituted legal entity.

**"Stream water"** means water in a definite stream and includes but is not limited to water in ponds, lakes, reservoirs, and playa lakes.

[Source: Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]

#### **785:5-1-3. Board to charge and collect fees**

Pursuant to 82 O.S. 1981, §§1085.2(10) and 1085.4, the Board shall prepare and charge a schedule of reasonable fees for services rendered; provided that such fees shall not be collected from any state agency or state institution who receives appropriated funds. All fees shall be paid in cash or by check payable to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board which shall be receipted by the Accounting Department. Each fee is a separate charge and is in addition to other fees. Required fees must be paid before any action will be taken by the Board on the matter relating thereto and before the issuance of any permit. Permit fees will not be refunded if the application for a permit is denied.

#### **785:5-1-4. Special fund**

All monies derived from fees shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and credited, apportioned, and appropriated to a separate and distinct fund known as the "Water Resources Board Revolving Fund" to be used to enforce and administer the water and pollution duties of the Board, except that all weather modification license and permit fees paid to the Board shall be deposited in the

"Oklahoma Modification Revolving Fund" to be used to enforce, administer and implement the weather modification duties of the Board.

[Source: Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]

#### **785:5-1-5. Weather modification license and permit fees**

The following fees are required for Weather Modification licenses and permits:

- (1) For issuing Weather Modification License - \$100.00
- (2) For annual renewal of license - \$100.00
- (3) For each Weather Modification Permit - \$25.00
- (4) For annual renewal of permit - \$25.00

#### **785:5-1-6. Stream water permit application fees**

(a) A filing fee based on amount requested in the application must be submitted with each application for a permit to appropriate stream water as follows:

- (1) 1 through 320 acre-feet - \$125.00
- (2) 321 through 640 acre-feet - \$200.00
- (3) 41 through 1,500 acre-feet - \$250.00
- (4) More than 1,500 acre-feet - \$250.00, plus an additional \$100.00 for each increment of 500 acre-feet above 1,500 acre-feet requested.
- (5) If the applicant proposes to divert or use stream water from a scenic river or an area designated as an outstanding water resource by the State, the applicant must submit an additional fee of \$100.00 (see also Chapter 45 of this Title).
- (6) The filing fee for any stream water permit application shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

(b) Applications for provisional temporary permits to appropriate stream water except expedited applications require a fee of \$150.00.

(c) Expedited applications for provisional temporary permits to appropriate stream water require a fee of \$200.00.

(d) Annual file maintenance fee for the submittal of water use reports shall be based on the total amount authorized to be used under the permit or water right as follows:

- (1) 1 through 320 acre-feet \$10.00
- (2) 321 through 640 acre-feet \$15.00
- (3) 641 through 1500 acre-feet \$20.00
- (4) More than 1500 acre-feet \$25.00

(e) If the annual water use report is filed later than 30 days after the due date as set forth in the report form mailed to the water right holder, an additional amount of \$30.00 for each permit shall be due (see also 785:20-9-5).  
**[Source:** Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94; Amended at 12 Ok Reg 2667, eff 7-1-95]

#### **785:5-1-7. Watercourse reclamation permit fee**

The filing and permit fee which must be submitted with application to reclaim water turned into a watercourse is \$35.00.

#### **785:5-1-8. Release of easement or easement deed fees**

The fee required when making application for release of easement or easement deed is based on acres contained in easement, as follows:

- (1) Less than 25 acres - \$ 35.00
- (2) 25 through 50 acres - \$ 70.00
- (3) 51 through 75 acres - \$100.00
- (4) 76 through 100 acres - \$150.00
- (5) More than 100 acres - \$200.00

#### **785:5-1-9. Dam fees**

(a) Filing fees which must be submitted with each application to construct, enlarge, alter, or repair a dam (based on estimated cost of construction, enlargement, etc.) are as follows:

- (1) \$20,000 or less estimated cost - \$ 100.00 filing fee
- (2) \$20,001 through 99,999 estimated cost - \$ 200.00 filing fee
- (3) \$100,000 through 499,999 estimated cost - \$300.00 filing fee
- (4) \$500,000 through 999,999 estimated

cost - \$500.00 filing fee

- (5) \$1,000,000 or more estimated cost - \$1000.00 filing fee

(b) Fees for inspections of dams classified as low or significant hazard potential made at request of a person who is not an owner of the dam or other routine or periodic inspections conducted by Board personnel are as follows:

Size classification of dam (see 785:25-3-3)	Fee for each inspection visit
Small	\$250.00
Intermediate	\$500.00
Large	\$1000.00

(c) Fees for inspections of dams classified as high hazard potential made at request of a person who is not an owner of the dam or other routine or periodic inspections conducted by Board personnel shall be the actual cost of such inspection.

(d) The fee required for issuance of a certificate of completion is \$25.00 plus if applicable, the inspection fee set out in subsection (b) or (c) of this Section.

**[Source:** Amended at 9 Ok Reg 1673, eff 5-11-92; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94; Amended at 12 Ok Reg 2667, eff 7-1-95]

#### **785:5-1-10. Groundwater application fees**

(a) A filing and application fee based on amount requested must be submitted with each application for a permit for the withdrawal of groundwater as follows:

- (1) 1 through 320 acre-feet - \$ 125.00
- (2) 321 through 640 acre-feet - \$ 200.00
- (3) 641 through 1,500 acre-feet - \$ 250.00
- (4) More than 1,500 acre-feet - \$ 250.00, plus an additional \$ 100.00 for each increment of 500 acre-feet above 1,500 acre-feet requested, provided that the filing fee for any groundwater permit application shall not exceed \$2,000.00.

(b) Applications for provisional temporary permits except expedited applications require a fee of \$150.00.

(c) Expedited applications for provisional temporary permits require a fee of \$200.00.

**[Source:** Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]

**785:5-1-11. Well driller and pump installer licensing fees**

(a) The filing application and license fee for issuance of individual, partnership, or corporation well driller licenses for one activity to be certified under 785:35-3-1 which shall include the operator certification for the individual license or, in the case of a partnership or corporation, one operator certification for such activity shall be \$300.00 for two years.

(b) The license application fee for each additional activity shall be \$40.00 for two years.

(c) The application fee for each additional operator certificate which includes certification to conduct one activity shall be \$60.00 for two years.

(d) The application fee for each additional activity under an operator certificate shall be \$30.00.

(e) The renewal fee for each license for one certified activity, which shall include the operator certification shall be \$200.00, if the application to renew is filed by May 31, and \$250.00 if the application to renew is filed after May 31; provided that a late fee of \$150.00 shall be due for the completed license renewal application if received by the Board after July 1 of the year to be renewed, but before the end of the applicable grace period.

(f) The license renewal fee for each additional activity shall be \$40.00 for a two (2) year period.

(g) The fee for each additional operator certification renewal which includes certification to conduct the authorized activities shall be \$40.00 for a two (2) year period.

(h) The fee for examination of any operator shall be \$50.00.

(i) The fee for transfer of individual licensee designation to partnership, corporation or other entity or certified operator from one firm or corporation to another shall be \$50.00.

(j) The license fee for a nonresident shall be the amount charged in the state of the

nonresident but in no case less than \$500.00 for two years.

(k) The initial fee for the Indemnity Fund for one activity certified under 785:35-3-1 shall be \$200.00 for a two (2) year period.

(l) The initial fee for the Indemnity Fund for each additional activity certified under 785:35-3-1 shall be \$75.00 for a two (2) year period.

(m) The renewal fee for the Indemnity Fund for each activity certified under 785:35-3-1 shall be \$75.00 for a two (2) year period.

(n) The fee to file a request for a variance or exception from any well construction, completion, plugging or other requirement set forth for wells, test holes or geotechnical borings in Chapter 35 in this Title shall be \$50.00.

[Source: Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273; eff 6-25-92; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94; Amended at 13 Ok Reg 2851, eff 7-1-96; Amended at 15 Ok Reg 2433-2434, eff 6-11-98; Amended at 16 Ok Reg 2681-2682 eff 7-1-99]

**785:5-1-12. Waste Disposal Permit fees (Revoked)**

[Source: Amended at 9 Ok Reg 2619, eff 6-25-92; Revoked at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]

**785:5-1-13. Laboratory certification fees (Revoked)**

[Source: Revoked at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]

**785:5-1-14. Stream Water and Groundwater petition fees**

Stream water and groundwater petition fees are as follows:

(1) For the filing of a petition to amend a permit or water right which does not require notice to be given - \$50.00

(2) or the filing of a petition to transfer ownership or record assignment of a permit or water right or Information Sheet regarding domestic use of stream water from federal reservoirs, except a transfer between the permittee or water right holder to any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the third

degree or to a family owned corporation or partnership - \$50.00

(3) For the filing of a petition to subdivide the ownership or record partial assignment of a permit or water right, except a subdivision or partial assignment between a permittee or water right holder to any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree - \$50.00

(4) For filing a petition for extension of time for commencement of any works for the taking of stream water - \$50.00

(5) For filing of a petition regarding addition or deletion of land from an irrigation district - \$50.00

(6) For filing of all other petitions to amend a permit or water right for which notice must be given - 150.00.

[Source: Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93; Amended at 12 Ok Reg 2667, eff 7-1-95]

#### **785:5-1-15. Fees for reproduction, maps and publications**

Fees for reproduction, maps and publications shall be as follows:

(1) For making and certifying the transcript of a record for transmittal to the District Court pursuant to 75 O.S. 1991, as amended, §320, the fee shall be the actual cost of such transcription with \$35.00 minimum charge plus postage at cost.

(2) For reproducing tape(s) of recorded meetings, the fee shall be \$35.00 plus \$2.00 per tape.

(3) For making and certifying each and every copy of an instrument, application or permit, the fee shall be \$1.00 per page.

(4) For machine copy charges for any instrument, the fee shall be \$.25 per copy and postage at cost.

(5) For Oklahoma Base Maps (USGS 1:500,000 scale), the fee shall be \$3.00 each.

(6) For Oklahoma Base Map with OWRB Stream Systems, the fee shall be \$5.00 per sheet.

(7) For blueprints or copy from tracing:

(A) To 27" x 36" - \$2.50 per sheet.

(B) 2" x 60" - \$5.00 per sheet.

(8) For publications, the fee shall not to exceed the established printing cost each.

[Source: Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93; Amended at 13 Ok Reg , eff 7-1-96]

#### **785:5-1-16. Fees required in other matters**

(a) The fee for making and certifying a measurement of the flow in any stream shall be \$50.00 per measurement.

(b) The fee for computer services shall be as follows:

(1) Custom programming (when required) - \$40.00 per hour.

(2) Printing charges - \$.05 per page.

(3) Copying documents to diskette - \$1.00 per document or file plus actual cost of Board provided diskette.

(4) Direct labor cost to convert raw data in data bases to machine-readable format, including but not limited to preparation of table and field descriptions.

(5) Actual cost of medium supplied by Board used in copying data from data base.

(c) The fee for a document search shall be \$10.00 per hour.

(d) The filing fee for Information Sheets regarding domestic use of stream water from federal reservoirs shall be \$50.00.

(e) The fee for entering an annual standing request for notice of special meetings shall be \$18.00.

(f) For transcripts prepared by certified court reporter, stenographer or Board staff under the provisions of 785:4-3-6, the fee shall be the actual cost of the transcription. Prior to such transcription being made, the person requesting the transcription (or appealing the Board's order) shall pre-pay to the Board the estimated cost of the transcribing the cassette tapes, with such estimate to be prepared by the Board. Upon completion of the transcription, the person requesting the same shall deposit the balance, if any, necessary for full payment of the transcription. The Board

shall refund or credit any excess amount previously deposited.

(g) For copies of National Wetlands Inventory maps prepared by the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, the fee shall be as follows:

(1) Processing charge for each order including first map shall be \$6.50.

(2) Each additional map in same order shall be \$2.50.

(3) Postage if mailed shall be the actual cost.

(h) If unavailable from local floodplain administrators, flood zone and flood map information on file with the Board for each tract or description of land requested will be provided for a fee of \$25.00.

(i) The fee for preparation and compilation of the administrative record for transmittal to a court pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act shall be \$1.00 per page for written documents, plus the cost of copying cassette tapes and the tapes as provided in this Chapter, plus actual cost of duplication of other exhibits, all payable prior to the transmittal of the record in the court. If the party appealing an order of the Board requests a written transcription of the hearing, or if the district court orders a written transcription as authorized by 75 O.S. § 309, the provisions in subsection (f) above, including prepayment of the cost of transcribing cassette tapes of the hearing, shall apply to the party appealing the Board's order. The full cost of transcribing the tapes must be paid before the Board shall transmit the transcription to the court. The Board shall review any such transcription for accuracy before transmitting the same to court.

(j) In addition to any other applicable fee, and subject to review by the State Governmental Internet Applications Review Board and approval by the Office of State Finance ("OSF"), unless otherwise waived by the Board a person who undertakes an electronic/on-line transaction with the Board shall pay a convenience fee approved by OSF which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the transaction fee levied by OSF,

the credit card or other financial institution charge, and a prorated share of the reasonable costs of development and implementation of, sustaining and upgrading, and future expansion of, the electronic/on-line application. Such transactions may include, but shall not be limited to, filing applications for permits or loans, filing reports of well drilling activities, and renewing licenses or certifications.

[Source: Amended at 9 Ok Reg 1673, eff 5-11-92; Amended at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94; Amended at 13 Ok Reg \_\_\_\_\_, eff 7-1-96; Amended at \_\_\_ Ok Reg \_\_\_\_\_, eff 7-15-2003]

#### **785:5-1-17. Loan application fees**

The following filing, review and processing fee is imposed upon all loan applications under the Board's program of financial assistance (See Chapter 50). Such fee shall be based on the amount of financial assistance applied for (as set out below) and must be paid by the applicant at the time of filing the secondary application - request for additional information.

Loan Application Amount	Fee
\$ 249,999 or less - - - - -	\$200.00
\$ 250,000 - 999,999 - - - - -	\$500.00
\$1,000,000 or more - - - - -	\$1000.00

[Source: Amended at 10 Ok Reg 3273, eff 6-25-93]

#### **785:5-1-18. Development application fees**

A fee in the amount of \$100.00 must be submitted with each application filed with the Board by a non-governmental entity for a development permit for proposed development or substantial improvement on state-owned or operated property (see Chapter 55).

[Source: Added at 11 Ok Reg 2909, eff 6-13-94]