



Application Fee Updates

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Water Division is alerting applicants that House Bill 4, signed September 25, 2019, contains changes to the required fees for certain Wetlands, Shoreland Protection, and Alteration of Terrain permits. Information about the new fees is summarized below. NHDES will begin requiring the new fees for all permit applications received on or after November 1, 2019. All fees are non-refundable.

Alteration of Terrain

[Alteration of Terrain Plan Review Fees](#) are based on the total area to be disturbed. Except for property subject to Shoreland rules, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 100,000 square feet but less than 200,000 square feet is set at \$3,125. For the property subject to Shoreland rules, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 50,000 square feet but less than 200,000 square feet is set at \$3,125. An additional fee of \$1,250 is assessed for each additional area of up to 100,000 square feet to be disturbed.

The fee for requests to amend a permit that requires plans to be reviewed is set at \$500 plus \$0.10 per square foot of area of disturbance associated with the amendment.

Shoreland Protection

The [Shoreland Permit Application](#) fee is set at the base fee (\$200 for restoration of water quality improvement projects, or \$400 for all other projects) plus \$0.20 per square foot of area affected by the proposed activities.

The fee for [permit-by-notification projects](#) is set at only the base fee.

Wetlands

The Wetland application fee for shoreline structure projects is set at \$400 plus an amount based on the area of dredge, fill, or dock surface area proposed, or a combination thereof. These amounts are \$4 per square foot for permanent dock surface area, \$2 per square foot for seasonal dock surface area, and \$0.40 per square foot for dredge or fill surface area or both. The application fee for projects involving only the repair, reconstruction, or reconfiguration of an existing docking structure is set at \$400.

The Wetland Application fee ([Permit-by-Notification](#)) is set at \$400 for minimum impact dredge and fill projects and for non-enforcement related publicly-funded and supervised restoration projects as defined by rules, regardless of impact classification, if undertaken by other than the person or persons responsible for causing the restoration to be needed. The [Wetland Permit Application](#) fee for minor and major dredge and fill projects is set at \$0.40 per square foot of proposed impact, with a minimum fee of \$400 for all such projects that impact fewer than 600 square feet.

The notification fee for [utility maintenance projects](#) is set at \$400 per town per year.