

Groundwater (CGWA) NOC Guide

Water, RO & Sanitation

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) and state groundwater NOC for extraction — applicability, categorised areas, documents, conditions and the process. Use it before extracting groundwater for a water business.

Purpose of this tool & output

Get a groundwater extraction NOC

How the output is used

Use it to get a groundwater extraction NOC — the CGWA no-objection certificate needed to draw groundwater for a water business.

Who receives it

The NOC is granted by the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) through its online (NOCAP) portal under the groundwater regulation.

How to submit / file it

Apply with the borewell, water-balance, extraction and recharge details; the assessed extraction and recharge conditions are set before grant.

Fees & charges

A NOC processing fee plus water-conservation / restoration charges based on the assessed extraction; the NOC is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

A hydrogeologist/consultant and CGWA, which verify the water balance and recharge before grant.

Important cautions

Groundwater extraction rules, area categories, charges and permissibility are strict, location-specific and changing and extraction without an NOC is penalised and can be shut down. Confirm the current position with the CGWA or state groundwater authority before drilling or extracting.

Companion documents

- [Water Business Licence Roadmap](#)
- [BIS ISI Certification Guide](#)
- [Water FSSAI Licence Guide](#)
- [Pollution Consent & Reject Water Guide](#)
- [Legal Metrology & Packaging Guide](#)
- [Plastic Waste & EPR Compliance Guide](#)

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