§ 89G-3. Exemptions.

The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to:

1. Any federal or State agency or any political subdivision performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work on public property and using its own employees.

2. Any property owner who performs irrigation construction work on his or her own property.


4. A professional engineer licensed under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

5. Any irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work where the price of all contracts for labor, material, and other items for a given jobsite is less than two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500).

6. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work for temporary irrigation to establish vegetative cover for erosion control.

7. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work to control dust on commercial construction sites or mining operations.

8. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work for use in agricultural production, farming, or ranching, including land application of animal wastewater.

9. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work for use in commercial sod production.

10. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work for use in the commercial production of horticultural crops, including nursery and greenhouse operators.

11. A general contractor licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes who possesses a classification under G.S. 87-10(b) as a building contractor, a residential contractor, or a public utilities contractor.

12. A wastewater contractor certified under Article 5 of Chapter 90A of the General Statutes who performs only the construction of or repair to a wastewater dispersal system.


14. A plumbing contractor licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes who performs only the following work: installation, repairs, or maintenance of water mains, water taps, service lines, water meters, or backflow prevention assemblies supplying water for irrigation systems; or repairs to an irrigation system.

15. Any person performing irrigation construction or irrigation contracting work for a golf course.

16. Any full-time employee of a homeowners association maintaining or repairing an irrigation system owned by the homeowners association of a planned community and located within the planned community’s common elements as defined in G.S. 47F-1-103.

17. Any person who can document 10 years in business as an irrigation contractor as of January 1, 2009, can document competency in the practice of irrigation construction or irrigation contracting, as determined by the North Carolina Irrigation Contractors' Licensing Board, and meets all other requirements and qualifications for licensure may be issued an irrigation contractor's license under Chapter 89G of the General Statutes, without the
requirement of examination, provided that the person submits an application for licensure to the Board prior to October 1, 2012.

(18) Any unlicensed person or entity who enters into a subcontract with a North Carolina licensed irrigation contractor, where the irrigation work is performed entirely by the North Carolina licensed irrigation contractor in accordance with this Chapter. (2008-177, s. 1; 2012-194, s. 65.8(a); 2013-383, s. 2.)