

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND
RURAL AFFAIRS**

**A SCHEME OF FEES AND CHARGES TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING
LICENCE APPLICATIONS UNDER THE WATER ABSTRACTION AND
IMPOUNDMENT (LICENSING) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006.**

**The Water Abstraction & Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009
(Fees and Charges).**

The Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 were made under Article 20 of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999. The Department of the Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 21 (1) and (2) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, makes the following scheme of fees and charges for these Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (Fees and Charges) and shall come into operation on 9 May 2016.

Application Fees and Annual Charge Factor

3. (1) The standard application fee for a licence shall be £153.

- (2) The annual charge financial factor for 2016/2017 shall be £353.
- (3) (a) The fee for transfer of an existing licence shall be £34 - payable by the acquiring person or company.
- (b) The fee for the modification of a licence shall be £34.
- (c) The fee for the technical variation of a licence shall be £34.
- (d) The fee for the surrender of a licence shall be £34.
- (e) The fee for the revocation of a licence will be at the discretion of the Department but in any case shall not exceed £34.
- (4) Authorisations granted subject to notification to the Department will not attract an application fee (i.e. abstractions of between 10 and 20 cubic metres per day or an impounding works less than 1 metre in height that is not associated with an abstraction).

The Factors

Volume factor

6. (1) The volume factor relates to the maximum daily volume abstracted and licensed as follows:

	Cubic Metres per day		Cubic Metres per day	Volume Factor
Equal to, or more than	20	up to but not including	100	0
Equal to, or more than	100	up to but not including	500	2.0
Equal to, or more than	500	up to but not including	1,000	5.0
Equal to, or more than	1,000	up to but not including	2,000	10.0
Equal to, or more than	2,000	up to but not including	10,000	15.0
Equal to, or more than	10,000			25.0

Source Type Factor

7. The source type factor relates to the source of the water that is being abstracted as follows:

Category	Factor
Coastal and estuary	0.1
Inland water (river, lough, wetland, groundwaters)	1.0

Seasonality Factor

8. (1) The seasonality factor has two categories which focus upon either the period of the year during which water is abstracted and licensed, or whether the abstraction is continuous as follows:

Category	Factor
Seasonal	0.3
All year	1.0

Payment and liability for payment

12. The application fee payable under paragraph 4 or 12 shall be due and payable in full on the making of an application. In the case of an application being withdrawn by the applicant, or refused by the Department, no refund of the application fee will be made. The annual charges payable under paragraph 5 shall be due and payable in full, or pro-rata depending on the time of the year on the addition of any new licence.

Revocation

13. The scheme entitled the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (Fees and Charges) which came into operation on 1 April 2015 is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of the Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 28 June 2016.



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