

BORE CONSTRUCTION LICENCE (BCL) & GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION LICENCE (GEL) FEES

Water Act 1989, Section 51 & 67

Licence to construct and operate a bore and to take and use groundwater

Once you have completed the *Bore Construction Licence (BCL) Application Form*, send it with your cheque or money order to Southern Rural Water, PO Box 153 MAFFRA 3860. Your payment must include the Application Fee for the BCL as well as the fee for the proposed volume of groundwater to be extracted. Check the fee details below and phone us on 1300 139 510 if you are unsure of the amount to be paid.

Domestic, Stock and Investigation/Observation Bores

These bores **do not** require an ongoing Groundwater Extraction Licence (GEL)

Domestic and/or stock bore (Base application fee)*	\$ 620.00
Investigation/observation bore (Base application fee)*	\$ 620.00
Additional investigation bores on the same site	\$ 70.00

All Other Bores - to be used for irrigation, dairy, commercial, industrial, urban or other use

As these bores require a GEL, the charges listed below include both the BCL & GEL application fees

0 to 20 megalitres (ML)

Base application fee**	\$ 1,555.00
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More than 20 ML and up to 200 ML (inclusive)

Base application fee	\$ 3,430.00
Additional charge per ML greater than 20 ML	\$ 8.00

For example: The fee for a 23 ML application would be:
 $\$3430.00 + \$8.00 \times 3 = \$3,454.00$

More than 200 ML and up to 400 ML (inclusive)

Base application fee	\$ 4,870.00
Additional charge per ML greater than 200 ML	\$ 15.50

For example: The fee for a 247 ML application would be:
 $\$4,870.00 + \$15.50 \times 47 = \$5,598.50$

More than 400 ML

Base application fee	\$ 7,970.00
Additional charge per ML greater than 400 ML	\$ 31.00

For example: The fee for a 560 ML application would be:
 $\$7,970.00 + \$31.00 \times 160 = \$12,930.00$

Existing Licences

Renewal of current bore construction or groundwater licence	\$ 235.00
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Replacement of existing licensed bore or additional bore on current licence

No increase to existing licensed volume	\$ 1,010.00
Increase to licensed volume	See ML charge above

Alteration of existing bore

Domestic and/or stock bores	\$ 620.00
No change to existing groundwater licence	\$ 620.00
Amendment to existing groundwater licence extraction rates (no increase to licensed volume)	\$ 1,010.00
Increase to annual licensed volume	See ML charge above

* If the proposed bore is assessed as being a higher risk for construction purposes, it may attract an additional application fee. You will be advised if your application falls within the category.

** If there are sensitive issues surrounding your proposal (these could relate to the application volume, proposed water use and/or property location) you will be asked to pay a higher application fee.

Assessment may include referring your application to other agencies, advertising the proposal, notifying neighbours and public hearings. You may also be required to submit a hydrogeological report (technical information which will require analysis by SRW) and a water use plan to support your proposal.

GROUNDWATER LICENCE CHARGES & ANNUAL FEES

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The following fees are billed annually and the licence year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Groundwater - Koo Wee Rup WSPA

Charge per bore	\$	175.00
Charge per ML of water used in the previous year	\$	41.80

Groundwater - All Other Areas

Charge per licence	\$	275.00
Charge per ML of licensed volume	\$	3.00

Salinity Mitigation Charge

Applies to deep bores (greater than 25 metres) in the following Parishes
\$0.30 per ML of licensed volume (un-metered service)
\$0.30 per ML of licensed volume (metered service)
Bundalaguah, Coongulla, Denison, Glenmaggie, Maffra, Nuntin, Sale, Tinamba, Toongabbie North, Toongabbie South, Wa-de-lock, Winnindoo, Wooundellah, Wurruk Wurruk

Intensive Management Charge - Deutgam

Applies to licences in Deutgam \$23.00 per ML of licensed volume

Other Charges - These charges are in addition to the application fees listed.

Advertising Fee (Including Public and Agency Consultation)

Applications Under 20 megalitres	\$	1,440.00
Application Over 20 megalitres	\$	1,910.00

Application of less than 20 megalitres where sensitive issues are identified \$ 1,875.00

Technical Information Analysis Fee (Cost associated with analysing technical information). \$ 775.00

Groundwater Information Report

Short (Map and General report on bores within an area)	\$	100.00
Standard (As with short, also including specific bore information)	\$	285.00
Complex (Information tailored to specific needs)	\$	865.00

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As the regulations for disposal bores are different to all other bores, you should phone Southern Rural Water to confirm the correct application fee.

More Information

If you need help with calculation of fees payable, please phone Southern Rural Water on 1300 139 510 and ask to speak with an Assessment Officer.

