



Southern Rural Water Groundwater and Rivers

**Guide to Application Forms and Fees
2021-2022**

Application fees and forms

SRW has many fact sheets and application forms to help inform you of your rights to use water for various purposes.

If you are unsure of the amount to be paid, phone us on 1300 139 510 and ask to speak to an Assessment Officer.

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 or an environmental Assessment Report (technical information which will require analysis by SRW), a water use plan or an irrigation drainage plan to support your proposal.



Visit www.srw.com.au or phone 1300 139 510 (all locations) for more information

Bores

Purpose	Form Name	Fee
Construct a bore –Domestic and Stock, Investigation, Observation or Monitoring bores only	Apply online	My Water
Construct a bore – Domestic and Stock bores – submitted over the counter	Construct or alter a domestic and stock bore	\$469.00
Construct a bore –Investigation, Observation or Monitoring bores – submitted over the counter	Alter an investigation or observation bore	\$469.00
Decommission a bore – Class A or B	Decommission a bore	No fee
Construct/Decommission a bore – Class C	Construct or alter a domestic and stock or Alter an investigation bore Construct or alter a licensable bore Decommission a bore	\$1340.00
Construct/Decommission a bore – Class D	Construct or alter a domestic and stock or Alter an investigation bore Construct or alter a licensable bore Decommission a bore	\$1770.00
Renew or transfer a bore construction licence	Bore Construction Licence Transfer	\$128.00
Amendment of a works licence	Construct or alter a domestic and stock or Alter an investigation bore Construct or alter a licensable bore	\$128.00
Replace existing licensed bore – no increase in volume	Construct or alter a domestic and stock or Alter an investigation bore Construct or alter a licensable bore	\$597.00
Additional bore on current licence – no increase in volume	Construct or alter a domestic and stock or Alter an investigation bore Construct or alter a licensable bore	\$597.00
Alteration of existing bore – DS Bores	Construct of alter a domestic and stock bore	\$469.00
Alteration of existing bore – no change to existing groundwater licence	Construct or alter a domestic and stock bore	\$469.00

Groundwater/Rivers and Creeks – Take & Use or Underground disposal licence

Purpose	Form Name	Fee
Application for a new licence or an increase in volume - Low Impact	New or amend surfacewater licence New or amend groundwater licence	\$1,720.00
Application for a new licence or an increase in volume – Medium Impact	New or amend surfacewater licence New or amend groundwater licence	\$2,170.00 plus \$21.30 per ML
Application for a new licence or an increase in volume – High Impact	New or amend surfacewater licence New or amend groundwater licence	\$3,490.00 plus \$21.30 per ML
Application for Domestic & Stock from River or Creek	New or amend surfacewater licence	\$787.50
Amendment/amalgamation – low (not applicable to volume increase)	Application to <i>amalgamate</i> licence to take and use water and to operate works New or <i>amend</i> surfacewater licence New or <i>amend</i> groundwater licence	\$128.00
Amendment/amalgamation – high (not applicable to volume increase)	Application to <i>amalgamate</i> licence to take and use water and to operate works New or <i>amend</i> surfacewater licence New or <i>amend</i> groundwater licence	\$580.00
Transfer – Simple (change of name or repeat temporary transfer)	Temporary or permanent water transfer	\$128.00
Transfer – Sale of Property	Transfer licence ownership on sale of land	\$128.00
Transfer – Low Impact – (refer to impact tier volumes)	Temporary or permanent water transfer	\$392.50
Transfer – Medium Impact – (refer to impact tier volumes)	Temporary or permanent water transfer	\$840.00
Transfer – High Impact – (refer to impact tier volumes)	Temporary or permanent water transfer	\$2,165.00

Other Charges – These charges are in addition to the application fees lists

Description	Fee
Groundwater Information Report – Short (Map and General report on bores within an area)	\$117.00
Groundwater Information Report – Standard (As with short, also includes specific bore information)	\$415.00
Groundwater Information Report – Complex (Information tailored to specific needs)	\$1,290.00
Mail out	\$415.00
Additional assessment of applications above normal process	\$138.50 per hour
Water Availability Assessment	\$117.24

Impact Tiers

Groundwater and Bores

Class	Description
Low Impact 0-20ML	<p>Includes: Irrigation and Dairy use 0-20ML</p> <p>Excludes all volumes for: Aquaculture, Commercial Nursery, Carwash, Road Construction, Dewatering of Construction sites (see Medium Impact). Feedlots, Pigs or Chickens, Water Bottling, Town Supply, Quarrying, Quarry dewatering, Power Generation, Geothermal (see High Impact).</p> <p>Lower impact groundwater applications. No hydro required. No public process or referrals unless a risk assessment is required in accordance with the Guidelines for Groundwater Licensing & Protecting High Value GDE's. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Includes class A bores.</p>
Medium Impact More than 20ML and up to 400ML	<p>Purpose Includes: Irrigation and Dairy use more than 20ML and up to 400ML; any volume for Aquaculture, Commercial Nursery, Carwash, Road Construction, Dewatering of Construction sites.</p> <p>Excludes: Irrigation and Dairy use over 400ML; any volume for Feedlots, Pigs or Chickens, Water Bottling, Town Supply, Quarrying, Quarry dewatering, Power Generation, Geothermal.</p> <p>Medium impact groundwater applications. Hydro may be required if bores or GDE's within 1km or other issues identified. Advertising and neighbour notification applies. Referrals apply if a risk assessment is required in accordance with the Guidelines for Groundwater Licensing & Protecting High Value GDE's. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Tier 2 applies if use is related to quarries/mines, water bottling, power generation, pigs or chickens, or other sensitive uses. Includes class B bores.</p>
High Impact More than 400ML	<p>Includes: Irrigation and Dairy use over 400ML; any volume for Feedlots, Pigs or Chickens, Water Bottling, Town Supply, Quarrying, Quarry dewatering, Power Generation, Geothermal.</p> <p>Higher impact groundwater applications. Hydro required. Advertising and neighbour notification applies. Referrals apply if a risk assessment is required in accordance with the Guidelines for Groundwater Licensing & Protecting High Value GDE's. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Tier 2 applies if use is related to quarries/mines, water bottling, power generation, pigs or chickens, or other sensitive uses. Includes class C & D bores.</p>

Rivers and Creeks

Class	Description
Low Impact 0-10ML	Neighbour notification and referrals required but no advertising. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Fees include water availability assessment. Includes dams that are not potentially hazardous and with no engineering requirements.
Medium Impact More than 10ML and up to 200ML	Neighbour notification, advertising and referrals required. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Fees include water availability assessment. Includes dams with engineering requirements but no peer review.

High Impact More than 200ML	Neighbour notification, advertising and referrals required. Irrigation Drainage Plan required unless considered low impact. Fees include water availability assessment. Includes dams with engineering and peer review. Also includes any dam on a waterway that also requires an s.51 licence.
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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.

Major/Minor Amendments

Class	Description
Low	Additional bore within 20m, new land or service point with no user between or volume reduction
High	Additional bore greater than 20m or other bores within 1km or nearby GDE's and additional land or service point with other users in between.

Construct and Operate a Farm Dam

Where a take and use licence is required, see (insert link) for annual fees.

Purpose	Form Name	Fee
Construct a new dam – Not hazardous	Private dam construction and operating licence	\$1010.00
Construct potentially hazardous – Engineering and/or works plans are required	Private dam construction and operating licence	\$2,755.00
Construct potentially hazardous – Engineering and/or works plans are required. Plans will be independently reviewed	Private dam construction and operating licence	\$5,700.00
Alter, remove or decommission a farm dam	Alter or decommission a dam	\$780.00
Renew or transfer of construction licence	Alter or decommission a dam	\$128.00
Application for operating licence*	Private dam construction and operating licence	\$1,385.00

By law, many private dams require an Operating Licence. Dams are regarded as potentially hazardous, and require special operating conditions if they are:

- Situated on a waterway, regardless of size
- 5 metres high at the wall with a capacity of 50 megalitres or more
- 10 metres high at the wall with a capacity of 20 megalitres or more
- 15 metres high at the wall, regardless of capacity.

The process for assessing and determining Farm Dam Construction applications includes referring your application to other agencies, advertising the proposal and notifying neighbours. You may also be required to submit an environmental assessment report in support of the application for dams to be located on watercourses or where the waterway has been determined as having high ecological value. Additional costs may apply as a result of this requirement.

Potentially hazardous farm dams are those that, due to their size and/or location, could pose a threat to life, property or the environment if they were to fail. This does not necessarily mean that they are expected to fail. If you are unsure of the damage your dam can cause in the event it fails, it is important to have it assessed by a suitably qualified engineer.

For a dam that is registered as potentially hazardous, you may need to seek the services of a suitably qualified engineer to design your dam and supervise its construction.

To determine if your proposed dam will be classified as hazardous, please talk to us prior to lodging your application on 1300 139 510.

Annual charges

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

Groundwater	Fee
Charge per licence	\$359.50
Charge per ML of licensed volume	\$3.95
System Management Charges – Deutgam	\$26.50 per ML of licensed volume
Salinity Mitigation Charge – Applies to deep bores (greater than 25 metres) in the Bundalaguah, Coongulla, Denison, Glenmaggie, Maffra, Nuntin, Sale Tinamba, Toongabbie North, Toongabbie South, Wa-de-lock, Winnindoo, Wooundellah, Wurruk Wurruk Parishes	\$0.60 per ML of licensed volume
Groundwater control pump usage	\$26.50

Surfacewater – Rivers and Creeks	
Charge per licence	\$359.50
Charge per ML of licensed volume (also Sale for Latrobe, Maribyrnong and Mitchell systems)	\$11.55
Aquaculture Diversion Rate	\$76.50
Charge per ML for Winterfill – Offsteam	\$8.09
System Management Charges- Charge per ML – Thorpdale	\$9.25 per ML of licensed
System Management Charges - Charge per ML – Latrobe	\$11.15 per ML of licensed
System Management Charges - Charge per ML – Maribyrnong	\$49.75 per ML of licensed
Salinity Mitigation Charge - Applies to rivers and streams in the Bundalaguah, Coongulla, Denison, Glenmaggie, Maffra, Nuntin, Sale, Tinamba, Toongabbie North, Toongabbie South, Wa-de-lock, Winnindoo, Wooundellah, Wurruk Wurruk Parishes	\$0.60 per ML

Dams	
Hazardous Dam Operating Licence Annual Fee	\$233.00
Hazardous Dam Operating Licence Renewal Fee	\$1385.00