

# **Detailed guide: Apply to renew a water abstraction licence**

If you want to continue abstracting water after the date your licence expires you must apply to the Environment Agency to renew your licence.

You need to submit your application form and supporting information at least 3 months before your licence expires. As long as we've received your application, you can carry on abstracting water after the expiry date while we make our decision.

If we do not receive your application until after the expiry date we may:

- not be able to grant your licence on the same terms
- not be able to grant you a new licence
- have to advertise your licence – you will have to pay the cost of this

If you abstract without a valid licence you may be breaking the law. We may take legal action against you.

## **Apply to renew your licence with different terms**

If you want to change any of the terms of your current licence you must submit an application for a new licence.

Complete the [application forms for a new licence](#).

## **Apply to renew your licence with exactly the same terms**

Complete the form [Application for a new licence to replace a time-limited licence or condition](#).

## **How to complete your renewal form**

You need to complete one form per licence. You must make sure all the following details are correct – the licence:

- holder's name
- holder's contact details
- number

You must demonstrate:

- how you use water efficiently, such as irrigating at night or checking your pipes for leaks
- your need to abstract the same quantities of water as your current licence and what you use the water for
- how you've worked out the amount you use

We will only process your renewal application if you provide all of this information.

## **How to submit your renewal form**

When you submit your form you must also provide:

- £135 application fee
- a map showing the area of land you have a right of access to and the abstraction point, reach or area you take water from

You must show you're entitled to apply for a licence to abstract water from where you will abstract. You must either:

- occupy the land
- have a right of access to the land
- expect to have a right of access from when the licence will take effect

You must have this right for at least one year or for as long as the licence lasts. You may need to prove you have the right by providing a:

- deed
- lease or tenancy agreement

The renewal form must be signed by the correct person. The following types of licence holder need signatures from these people:

- individual – the individual
- a number of individuals – each individual
- limited liability partnership – a partner, company director or company secretary
- registered company – company director or company secretary
- public body (for example, a local authority or NHS trust) – a person authorised to sign documents on behalf of the organisation
- partnerships – one or more of the partners
- trust – all trustees, or the chairman, treasurer or secretary

## **What happens after you apply**

The Environment Agency will consider the details in your form and grant you a licence as long as:

- there are no changes to the existing licence
- the details in the licence are correct
- you submitted the application fee and map

We will use your abstraction data returns information when we consider our decision.

Your abstraction must be environmentally sustainable. We need to make sure there's enough water available for everyone and the environment. If we think we may need to change your licence we'll contact you to discuss our

proposals.

## **How to contact us**

Ask for your local water resources permitting team.

### **General enquiries**

National Customer Contact Centre  
PO Box 544  
Rotherham  
S60 1BY

Email

[enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Telephone

03708 506 506

Telephone from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm GMT)  
+44 (0) 114 282 5312

Minicom (for the hard of hearing)

03702 422 549

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## **[Form: Water abstraction: application form to renew a licence](#)**

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See the guidance on how to [apply to renew a water abstraction licence](#).

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## **[Corporate report: Nuclear](#)**

# Decommissioning Authority: Annual Report and Accounts 2017 to 2018

The NDA exceeded its targets for generating revenue, earning £1.2 billion of income to offset the total £3.3 billion annual budget that is spent on tackling the UK's historical nuclear legacy.

The details are outlined in the Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18, which reports on a year of progress across the 17 sites as well as organisational change to build a foundation for long-term success.

NDA Chief Executive David Peattie said that spending had remained below the annual limit set by government, while the income from reprocessing and management of spent fuels and waste had helped to offset the costs for taxpayers.

Mr Peattie, who was appointed in 2017, added:

Our mission remains unchanged, as does the relentless focus on cleaning up and decommissioning the UK's civil nuclear sites and delivering value for the taxpayer, with the safety and security of people and the environment at the forefront of our minds.

My vision now is to build a stronger NDA Group, where all parts of our business are working together with a collective focus on delivering the mission more efficiently.

He said that changes to the organisation and its businesses would reflect learning from the Magnox competition and contract, with the key aim of improving delivery and building a foundation for long-term success.

The report highlights significant decommissioning progress across the estate including:

- Retrieval of radioactive waste from Sellafield facilities that date back to the very beginning of the nuclear industry.
  - Start of a programme at the Dounreay Fast Reactor to remove fuel elements which had been trapped for decades
  - Final preparations for Bradwell, in Essex, to become the UK's first former Magnox power station site to enter a state of care and maintenance during the year, after all mobile hazards and the vast majority of buildings have been cleared.
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## **Notice: SY10 8BG, Morton Growers Limited: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Morton Growers Limited
- Installation name: Morton Ley Farm
- Permit number: EPR/TP3930NH/V003

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## **Notice: MK45 2JQ, Millbrook Proving Ground Limited: environmental permit application advertisement**

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for Radioactive Substances Activity. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency office you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)