

Which Water Forms Do I Need?

Requisition of a watermain INTERNAL to a site: [Form Reference: WRI-A076 \(Internal\)](#)

The requisitioning of a new watermain internal to a site is applicable where developers require the design and provision of mains within a new development. This is currently carried out as a 'Shared Responsibility' Scheme. The submission of the proposed site layout in accordance with our guidance is mandatory for all WRI-A076 applications.

Watermain Installation Request Form: [Form Reference: WInst-A076](#)

Northern Ireland Water will issue a partially completed Watermain Installation Request Form when the watermain has been designed as part of the Requisition of a Watermain Internal to site process. Each time the developer requires a section of the watermain laid they should submit a Watermain Installation Request Form and a map indicating the section of main required at that stage. As there is no fee for this part of the process you can email it to developerservices@niwater.com.

Requisition of a watermain EXTERNAL to a site: [Form Reference: WRE-A076 \(External\)/WRE-BR-A076](#)

If there is not a watermain within 20m of your proposed site you may apply to have the public mains extended external to a site, but you may be required to contribute towards the cost of the works. The contribution is dependent upon a number of factors including the reasonable cost allowance based on the number of house holders who wish to be served and the cost of constructing the watermain. If a guarantee bond or cash deposit have been provided, the bond release can be applied for using the WRE-BR-A076 application form.

New connections to water mains: [Form Reference:](#)

[WC-A079-SD \(up to 32mm dia\)](#)

[WC-A079-LD \(> 32mm dia\)](#)

[WC-A079-SoS \(Separation of Existing Supply\)](#)

[WC-A079-LPR \(Lead Pipe replacement\)](#)

Service connections usually provide for individual buildings or properties and include a communication pipe and meter.

Diverting an existing watermain: [Form Reference: WD-A247](#)

If an existing watermain traverses your site please read Guidance Note BNW-A236 in the first instance, it specifies how close you may build near NIW assets.

Contact NIW and request that the main be traced and marked. Following this, exploratory excavations should be carried out to determine exact line and level of existing pipework, plus confirm type/class and outside diameter of pipe.

If your proposal cannot be altered to suit compliance with GN BNW-A236 and you wish to have the watermain relocated, you should submit a completed A247 Application for consideration and assessment.

Where a diversion is possible, approval is granted and the Developer wishes to proceed with the work, the Developer will be expected to pay full costs (including NIW company overheads) before work can be programmed.

The Developer will also be expected to carry out all excavation and reinstatement work associated with the diversion at their own expense, unless stated otherwise in the approval letter.

Please note in some circumstances NIW assets cannot be relocated and a refusal letter will be issued, this will include reason(s) why approval could not be granted and outline the Right of Appeal. Please refer to the guidance notes '[Building Near a Public Watermain – BNW-A236](#)' for additional information.

Standpipe Licence: [Form Reference: SL](#)

It is an offence to take water from a hydrant by any means other than a licensed approved standpipe obtained from NI Water.

Using water from a fire hydrant by any other means could lead to prosecution and a maximum financial penalty of £1,000 per occasion.

Those who have a legitimate need may obtain a portable standpipe for drawing water on a temporary basis from a fire hydrant on a public water main system.

Further information is available in the relevant Guidance Notes and Forms, however if you require additional information outside that contained in the guidance notes or for assistance please contact:

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