

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 existing watermains cross your site and are within 4 metres of a watermain less than 350mm diameter or within 8 metres of a watermain of 350mm diameter or greater, for any proposed building, you MUST consider relocating the building or as a last resort apply for approval of the watermain to be diverted and only if considered practical this may be approved at your expense.

Developers who have a requirement for building within the protected strip should consult with Northern Ireland Water, Operational Technical Support Team to determine if the proposed structure could be accommodated within the protected strip. Please refer to the guidance notes '[Building Near a Public Watermain](#)' for additional information.

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

It is an offence to take water from a hydrant by any means other than a licenced 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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