

KNOW YOUR WATER

What is a water extraction licence

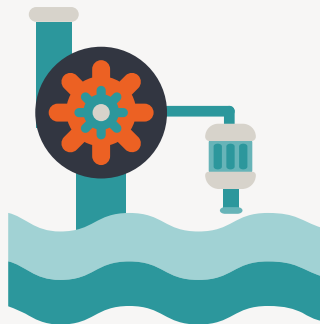
In the Northern Territory, a **water extraction licence** is required to take groundwater or surface water using a bore or pump system, except for stock and domestic use. Licences can be renewed, transferred or amended.



When do you **need** a licence?

You must have a water extraction licence if you:

- Are taking or plan to take surface water or groundwater for a commercial activity
- Are watering gardens larger than 0.5ha



When **don't** you need a licence?

You don't need a licence for:

- Using water for your household needs
- Maintaining a garden connected to your house (less than 0.5ha in total)
- Giving drinking water to your animals





How do you **apply** for a licence?

Before you start:

Consider:

- **Terms** usually **granted for 10 years** but longer-term licences can be approved in special circumstances
- **Volume of water** If you are going to apply for a large volume of water talk to a water licensing officer about your project before starting your application
- **Time** It can take at least **3 to 4 months** to process your application

1 Check which application tier applies to you

You will need to provide supporting documents based on how much water you want, and where you want to take it from

2 Prepare your application

Fill in the form

3 Prepare your supporting documents

4 Prepare and attach supporting documents based on application tier (Step 1)

Submit your application

Submit your application by:

- Emailing water.licensing@nt.gov.au, or
- In person to your local Water Resource Office



How to **renew, transfer or change** your licence?



If you are an existing licence holder, go to this page

1 Find the appropriate form

There are different forms for renew, transfer or change

2 Submit the form

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More information

To find out more, go to our [water extraction licence](#) page.

