

Amend a share component – Water source or management area 71R

Fact sheet

Under the *Water Management Act 2000*, a water access licence holder may apply to cancel their existing water access licence and obtain a new access licence with a share component specifying a different water source or water management area to the original water access licence.

Note: WaterNSW can provide general advice on water access licence dealings. Please seek independent advice that considers your specific circumstances.

Limitations to keep in mind

There are some limitations that apply to changing a water source or water management area to which a share component relates. The newly granted access licence:

- must be subject to the mandatory conditions applicable to an access licence of the same category or subcategory for the water management area or water source specified in the share component.
- may be subject to conversion factors set out in the relevant water sharing plan or other management plan.
- must have share and extraction components that comply with any requirements that are specified in the applicable water sharing plan or other management plan.

Finally, water allocations remaining in the water allocation account of the cancelled licence can not be credited to the new access licence.

When is this dealing type prohibited?

This dealing does not apply to local water utility access licences.

The *Access Licence Dealing Principles Order 2004* may prohibit dealings if:

- the water access licence is suspended.
- the water access licence is a specific purpose access licence.
- the change is from an unregulated river water source to a regulated river water source.
- the change is from a groundwater source to a regulated river water source or unregulated river water source, or vice versa.
- the water access licence/s are of the “supplementary” category.
- there is no hydrologic connection between the water source of the water access licence to be cancelled and water access licence to be issued.
- the applicable water sharing plan or other management plan does not contain provisions that protect environmental water, basic landholder rights, and available water under other access licences from being affected by dealings under s71R.

How do I go about it?

Use the [Application to change a water access licence form](#) and download the [guide](#) to completing the form. This form is used to change the category, share component, extraction component (Section D) of a water access licence or to add or remove a nominated water supply work. The guide gives more detail on how to complete each section.

You can submit this application through [Water Applications Online](#).

Need help?

[Schedule a meeting](#) with one of our Water Regulation Officers to discuss your dealing. If you need more information, please contact our Customer Service Centre on [1300 662 077](tel:1300662077), Monday to Friday between 8am-5pm or email Customer.Helpdesk@watnsw.com.au