

# How to find your total/cumulative water entitlement

## How-to guide

The non-urban metering regulation focuses on enhancing metering accuracy, ensuring compliance, and supporting sustainable water use.

Metering requirements are based on your total/cumulative water entitlement rather than the physical size of infrastructure (e.g. pump diameter), in most instances. This ensures that compliance and regulations are tied to the actual legal allocation of water rather than the potential extraction capacity of water.

Cumulative entitlement refers to the total amount of water associated with a **work approval**. To find the total entitlement attached to your approval, you will need to add together the entitlements attached to each water access licence linked to the approval.

Therefore, to understand your requirements under the non-urban metering regulation, you need to be aware of what your total water entitlement equals. This guide will assist you in finding your total/cumulative entitlement, using the [NSW Water Register](#).

Firstly, you will need to locate your work approval number. You can find your work approval on your WaterNSW invoice.

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**TAX INVOICE**

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YOUR ACCOUNT SUMMARY		ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Account name:		Customer account number:	
Work approval number:		Issue date:	
Invoice period:		Invoice number:	
Opening balance	\$0.00	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	

To access the NSW Water Register visit [waterregister.watnsw.com.au](#).

### Step 1

Open the NSW Water Register and click 'I want information about a particular water licence or approval (including conditions)'.



Home > Water Register

### NSW Water Register

The NSW Water Register provides public access to information about [water licences](#), [approvals](#), [water trading](#), [water dealings](#), [environmental water](#) and other matters related to water entitlements in NSW.

The register amalgamates information from several public registers maintained by WaterNSW as part of its statutory responsibility to record water entitlement and water market information.

The NSW Water Register is complemented by the [Water Access Licence Register](#), maintained by [NSW Land Registry Services](#), which provides more detailed information about every water access licence in NSW.

The NSW Water Register does not provide information on water entitlements held by foreign persons. This information is held on the Commonwealth Government's Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements, which can be accessed via the Australian Taxation Office.

#### Search the NSW Water Register

Select from the options below to search for the information you want to know. Only one option can be selected and searched at a time.

I want information about:

- A particular water licence or approval (including conditions)
- A particular property (in relation to water licences or approvals)
- A particular water source (in relation to water access licences and approvals, including conditions, and water usage)
- A particular floodplain management plan or land declared to be a floodplain (in relation to flood work approvals)
- Water allocations (available water determinations)
- Approval applications and advertisements
- Environmental water
- Water trading statistics and processing times

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### Step 2

Select 'Approval issued under the Water Management Act 2000', type in your approval number and click search.

#### NSW Water Register

#### Information about a water licence or approval

Use this tool to search for information about water licences and approvals issued under the *Water Act 1912* or *Water Management Act 2000*.

Select the type of licence or approval and enter the licence or approval number:

- Water access licence (WAL): a WAL number starts with the letters 'WAL' followed by several numbers; a WAL also has a reference number that starts with a two digit number, followed by 'AL' and then several numbers.
- 1912 water licence: a water licence number starts with a two digit number, followed by a two letter code and then several numbers. Note: a PT reference number cannot be entered.
- Approval: an approval number starts with a two digit number, followed by a two letter code (WA, UA, CA or FW) and then several numbers.

Search for information about either a:

- Water access licence (WAL) issued under the *Water Management Act 2000*
- Water Act 1912 Licences and Authorities
- Approval issued under the *Water Management Act 2000*

Approval Number: 10 AL

Notes: The search results will list the conditions imposed on the approval and also list the number/s of any water access licence/s that nominate the water supply works associated with the approval.

This search tool does not include information about [controlled activity approvals](#). Information publicly available from a register of controlled activity approvals is available at our [local offices](#).

Find out if a Water Act 1912 licence has been converted

- Water licence conversion status

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### Step 3

Your authorised work size will be located under 'Description'. If the authorised size is less than 100mm in diameter for surface water pumps or less than 200mm in diameter for groundwater bores, you are exempt from non-urban metering requirements. Take note of your water access licence numbers listed under the approval.

#### Search Results

Kind of Approval	Issue Date	Expiry Date	Approval Number	Status	Water Source
Water Supply Works And Water Use	01-AUG-2009	13-NOV-2033		Current	Bonville Creek Water Source

  

Work Type	Description	Diameter	Status	No of Works	Location (Lot/DP)	Suffix	Work ID	ESID
Diversion Works - Pumps	80mm Centrifugal Pump	NA	Active	1				

  

Use Purpose(s)	Location(s)
Irrigation	

  

Reference Number	WAL Number	WAL Status	Status Date
		Current	01-AUG-2009
		Current	01-AUG-2009

  

Plan Conditions
Water sharing plan: Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated And Alluvial Water Sources 2022
Monitoring and recording
MW8514-00001 A. Before water is taken through the water supply work authorised by this approval, the approval holder must confirm that cease to take conditions do not apply and water may be taken. B. Where the approval holder is required to keep a logbook, the approval holder must record the confirmation, including the way in which the confirmation was established, in a logbook. C. This condition does not apply to a water supply work that is used only for the purpose of taking water under a basic landholder right.
MW8512-00001 A logbook used to record water take information must be retained for five (5) years from the last date recorded in the logbook.

### Step 4

If you do not have a size-based exemption, you will need to search each of your licences on the NSW Water Register to find the entitlement associated with them. First you will need to click 'I want information about a particular water licence or approval (including conditions)'.

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### Step 5

Select 'Water access licence (WAL) issued under the Water Management Act 2000' and type in your WAL and click 'search'.

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**Water access licence (WAL) issued under the Water Management Act 2000**

Water Access Licence (WAL) Number:

A WAL number starts with the letters 'WAL' followed by several numbers

Can't find your WAL number? Do you have a reference number? A reference number starts with a two digit number, followed by 'AL' and then several numbers. Use the following tool to find your WAL by entering your reference number: [Enter the reference number to find the WAL number.](#)

Cancelled WALs are not searchable on the NSW Water Register.

### Step 6

You will notice under the search results the 'share components', which outlines the entitlement for that licence.

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#### Search Results

Category [Subcategory]	Status	Water Source	Tenure Type	Management Zone	Share Components (units or ML)	DDEC (Daily flow shares)
Domestic And Stock(Domestic)	Current	Bonville Creek Water Source	Specific Purpose		1.00	N/A

**Extraction Times or Rates**  
Subject to conditions water may be taken at any time or rate

**Nominated Work Approval(s)**

**Conditions**

**Plan Conditions**

Water sharing plan	Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated And Alluvial Water Sources 2022
	<p><b>Take of water</b></p> <p>MW8525-00001 A. Water must not be taken under this access licence from an: i. in-river pool that is below full capacity; ii. off-river pool that is below full capacity; or iii. in-river dam pool unless the take is consistent with a water supply work approval authorising the use of a water supply work for the purpose of taking water from the in-river dam. B. This restriction does not apply if water is taken for the purpose of domestic consumption and the volume taken does not exceed 1 kJ/day for each household supplied under this access licence.</p> <p>MW8562-00001 The volume of water taken under this access licence during a period of 3 consecutive water years must not be more than the maximum water account debit permitted, which is the sum of the following: A. The water allocation notified to the water allocation account for this water source from available water determinations made</p>

### Step 7

You will need to add up all share components for each licence listed on the approval to understand what your cumulative entitlement is. Your requirements are tied to your approval, not each individual water access licence.

Once you know your total entitlement, you can check our [non-urban metering webpage](#) to understand your metering requirements.



You can [schedule a one-on-one meeting](#) with our team to discuss your situation.