

GROUND WATER REGULATIONS 1973

GN 74/1973

7th July

Regulations made by the Central Water Authority under section 16
of the Ground Water Act 1969

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Ground Water Regulations 1973.
2. In these regulations –

“Act” means the Ground Water Act;

“licensee” means a person to whom a ground water licence has been issued under section 7 of the Act;

"monthly charges" means charges for ground water for a period of not more than 35 days.

“Use of ground water for agricultural purposes” means the use of ground water for the purpose of agriculture including irrigation, breeding of livestock, poultry rearing and camaron hatchery;

“Use of ground water for domestic purposes” means the use of ground water for drinking, washing or cooking or for any other purpose of domestic life;

“Use of ground water for industrial purposes” means the use of ground water for the purpose of manufacturing goods.

"water charges" means the amount specified in the Fourth Schedule.

“year” means any continuous period of twelve months.

**Amended by [GN No. 128 of 1996]; [GN No. 96 of 2002] ; [GN No. 173 of 2006]
[Reprint No. 1 of 1997]**

3. Applications for -
 - (a) a ground water licence in respect of a proposed installation; or
 - (b) the renewal of a ground water licence

shall be in the form set out in the First and Second Schedule respectively.

4. Every licence for the abstraction, diversion, obstruction, measurement or use of around water shall be valid for a maximum period of seven years and shall be in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

5. (1) Every licensee shall pay-

- (a) in respect of the use of ground water for agricultural, domestic or industrial purposes, the annual licence fee specified in paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule;
 - (b) in respect of the use of ground water for agricultural or industrial purposes, the monthly charge specified in paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule.
- (2) The volume of water abstracted during a period where the meter has been removed or where the meter reading is not available, shall be calculated by reference to the average daily rate of abstraction as evidence by the last 2 readings taken before the removal of the meter or by the readings where these were available.
- (3) A bill for water charges shall be paid within 21 days of its issue and any payment made thereafter shall include a surcharge of 10 percent, which surcharge if not a multiple of 10 cents shall be increase to the nearest multiple of 10 cents.

**Amended by [\[GN No. 124 of 1992\]](#); [\[GN No. 128 of 1996\]](#);
[\[Reprint No. 1 of 1997\]](#); [\[GN No. 96 of 2002\]](#)**

- 6. The Ground Water regulations 1970 are revoked.
- 7. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the second day of June 1973.

FIRST SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR A GROUND WATER LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A PROPOSED
 INSTALLATION

(Under section 5 of the Ground Water Act)

To: The Central Water Authority.

PARTICULARS

- 1. Name of
 Applicant.....

 Address.....

- 2. Place to which application relates (Plans, in duplicate, to be annexed)

- 3. Title deed to the land to which this application refers (Reference Number)

4. Nature of proposed exploitation (open well, borehole, tunnel or other and the number thereof).....
5. Particulars of proposed installation (H.P. of engine, head of pump, capacity of installation)
6. Average daily quantity of ground water to be used:
7. Purpose for which water will be used:
 - (a) Domestic supply (Location and number of houses to be served)
 - (b) Industrial use (give particulars)
 - (c) Irrigation (Location and area of land to be irrigated)
 - (d) Other.....

I/We request that I/we may be granted a Ground Water licence in accordance with the particulars given above and the duplicate plans submitted herewith.

*The written permission of the owner of the land on which the ground water exploitation is to be undertaken, duly certified by a Notary Public, is also submitted

Dated thisday
of.....of.....19.....

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Signature of Applicant

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Licence No.....
Issued on.....
Reference.....
Date.....

*to be deleted if applicant is the owner of the land.

SECOND SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A GROUND WATER LICENCE

(Under section 5(3) of the Ground Water Act)

To: The Central Water Authority.

I/We.....of.....being licensed to use ground water hereby apply for the renewal of my/our licence No dated.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Licence No.....

Issued on.....

Reference.....

Date.....

THIRD SCHEDULE

LICENCE-PERMITTING THE EXPLOITATION AND USE OF GROUND WATER

A licence No...is hereby granted to (i).....of (ii).....permitting him/her/them to (iii)at (iv).....and to use the ground water so obtained for the purpose of (v)subject to the provisions of the Ground Water Act and the following specified conditions:-

- (1) this Licence is granted for a period of.....years and expires on.....Application for renewal must be submitted six months before the expiry of this licence;

- (2) this Licence is not transferable;
- (3) the abandonment of the exploitation must be notified to the General Manager, Central Water Authority;
- (4) A daily record shall be kept showing the quantity of water drawn and the working water level below datum;

(5)

Dated this.....day
 of.....

.....
 General Manager,
 Central Water Authority

NOTES

The following are guide notes to the conditions which may be attached to a licence for the exploitation and use of ground water-

- (a) a limit may be placed on:
 - (i) the depth to which a well or borehole may be sunk and its effective diameter;
 - (j) the dimensions of a tunnel;
- (b) limits may be placed as to the capacity of the pumping installation and/or the quantity of water to be extracted;
- (a) limitation may be placed on the sale of water both as regards volume and price.

- (i) Name of Licensee;
- (ii) Address of Licensee;
- (iii) Description of Works;
- (iv) Location of Exploitation;
- (v) Purpose for which ground water is permitted to be used.

FOURTH SCHEDULE
(regulation 5)

	Rs
1. Annual licence fee	
(a) for ground water used for domestic purposes	Free
(b) for ground water used for agricultural purposes	500
(c) for ground water used for industrial purposes	500
2. Monthly charges	
(a) for use of ground water for agricultural purposes per cubic metre	Rs 0.50
(b) for use of ground water for industrial purposes per cubic metre	Rs 5,50

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[\[GN No. 96 of 2002\]](#); [\[Reprint No. 1 of 1997\]](#)**