Notification under Regulation 5

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Information on a Notification of Proposed Plumbing Work

Key Details to be notified:

For installations to be supplied with water from the public water supply, the following information must be sent to your local water supplier:

- The name and address of the person giving notice and, if different, the name and address of the person to whom the consent should be sent.
- A description of the proposed work or any significant change of use of premises.
- The location of the premises and their use or intended use.
- Except for items marked (*) in the list above, a plan of those parts of the premises which relate to the proposed work and a diagram showing the pipework and fittings to be installed.
- The plumbing contractor's name and address.

Granting consent

There is no charge by Yorkshire Water for dealing with notifications or granting consent. Work on installations must not start until consent has been given. Consent will not be withheld unreasonably, and may be granted subject to conditions, which must be followed. If within ten working days of receipt of a valid notification by Yorkshire Water, consent is neither granted nor refused, it is deemed to have been granted. This does not alter the obligation upon the installer and owner or occupier to see that the Regulations are complied with.

Approved Plumbers

An Approved Plumber will certify that his installation work satisfies the regulations. In the event of breaches of the regulations in connection with the certified work, the owner or occupier can use the certificate as a legal defence against any resulting prosecution. An approved plumber is not required to notify for installations that fall within within Paragraph 2, 4(b) or 4(g) in the Table below. On completion the Approved plumber must forward a Regulation 6 Certificate to both the person who asked for the work to be done and the Water Supply (reg6@yorkshirewater.co.uK).

Most UK water suppliers either operate their own approved plumbers' scheme. In Yorkshire Water we support the national Water Industry Approved Plumbers' Scheme (WIAPS) These members have demonstrated their experience of plumbing work and knowledge of the Regulations and have liability insurance cover. A national register of Approved Plumbers is available on www.watersafe.org.uk

Type BA Device, Reduced Pressure Zone Valve (RPZ):

Please note that if you are installing an RPZ Valve (BA Device) you should refer to the current Approved Installation Method (AIM) on the WRAS website. The AIM also includes an application form which should be completed and submitted to your water supplier. For any queries regarding RPZ installations please contact RPZ@yorkshirewater.co.uk.

Resources:

The Regulations and their Schedules (SI 1999 No. 1148 and No. 1506) are available from HMSO and the Internet: (www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/industry/wsregs99/index.htm).

The Government also has published a Guidance Document relating to the Schedules (www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/industry/wsregs99/guide).

The text of all these documents is included with detailed Water Industry guidance and interpretation in the 'Water Regulations Guide', available from the Water Regulations Advisory Scheme. www.wras.co.uk

WRAS: The Water Regulations Advisory Scheme, Unit 13, Willow Road, Pen y Fan Industrial Estate, Crumlin, Gwent, NP11 4EG

Tel: 0333 207 9030

Notification of Plumbing Works in Accordance with Regulations 5 of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999

1. Subject to paragraph (2), any person who proposes to install a water fitting in connection with any of the operations listed in the Table below-
   (a) shall give notice to the water undertaker that he proposes to begin work;

   (b) shall not begin that work without the consent of that undertaker which shall not be withheld unreasonably; and
   (c) shall comply with any conditions to which the undertaker's consent is subject.

Table

1.	The erection of a building or other structure, not being a pond or swimming pool.
2.	The extension or alteration of a water system on any premises other than a house.
3.	Material change of use of any premises.
4.	The installation of- a) a bath having a capacity, as measured to the centre line of overflow, of more than 230 litres; b) bidet with an ascending spray or flexible hose; c) a single shower unit (which may a consist of one or more shower heads within a single unit), not being a drench shower installed for reasons of safety or health, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe which is of a type specified by the regulator; d) a pump or booster drawing more than 12 litres per minute, connected directly or indirectly to a supply pipe; e) a unit which incorporates reverse osmosis; f) a water treatment unit which produces waste water discharge, or which requires the use of water for regeneration or cleaning; g) a reduced pressure zone valve assembly or other mechanical device for protection against a fluid which is in fluid category 4 or 5; h) a garden watering system unless designed to be operated by hand; or i) any water system laid outside a building and either less than 750mm or more than 1350mm below ground level;
5.	The construction of a pond or swimming pool with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres which is designed to be replenished by automatic means and is to be filled with water supplied by a water undertaker.

(2) This regulation does not apply to the installation by an approved contractor of a water fitting falling within paragraph 2, 4(b) or 4(g) in the Table.

(3) The notice required by paragraph (1) shall include or be accompanied by-

(a) the name and address of the person giving the notice, and (if different) the name and address of the person on whom notice may be served under paragraph (4) below;

(b) a description of the proposed work or material change of use, and

(c) Details of the location of the premises to which the proposal relates, and the use or intended use of those premises;

(d) except in the case of a fitting falling within paragraph 4(a), (c), (h) or 5 in the Table. -

(i) a plan of those parts of the premises to which the proposal relates, and

(ii) a diagram showing the pipework and fitting to be installed; and

(e) where the work is to be carried out by an approved contractor, the name of the contractor.

(4) The water undertaker may withhold consent required under paragraph (1), or grant it subject to conditions, by a notice given before the expiry of the period of ten working days commencing with the day on which notice under that paragraph was given.

(5) If no notice is given by the water undertaker within the period mentioned in paragraph (4), the consent required under paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have been granted unconditionally

Applicant Details

Name:

Address:

Telephone/ Mobile Numbers:

Email Address:

Proposed Work Location

Address:

New or Existing Premises?

☐ **NEW** ☐ **EXISTING**

Type of Premises?

☐ **DWELLING** ☐ **INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL** ☐ **AGRICULTURAL** ● **OTHER**

Other (please state):

Description of Proposed Work:

Type of Work (see table on Page 2):

Are you intending to install, or have any the following installed;

A) Is an alternative source of water supplied? please mark the source of the alternative water supply

☐ RAINWATER/GREYWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM ☐ BOREHOLE/SPRING

B) Firefighting/Sprinkler system; ☐ YES ☐ NO

C) Animal welfare? (troughs, etc) ☐ YES ☐ NO

On Site Contractor Details

Name:
Address:
Telephone/ Mobile Numbers:
Email Address:
Approved Plumber Scheme:
Registration Number:

Proposed Start Date:	**Proposed Completion Date:**

Regulation 4 Compliance – Schedule of Fittings & Appliances

Requirements of regulation 4 (2) & (3) The introduction of other items of legislation has resulted in a number of amendments to regulation 4(2) of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 – details of these are provided below.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a water fitting is of an appropriate quality or standard only if–

(a) it bears an appropriate CE marking in accordance with the Directive;
(b) it conforms to an appropriate harmonized standard or European technical approval;
(c) it conforms to an appropriate British Standard or some other national specification of an EEA State which provides an equivalent level of protection and performance; or
(d) it conforms to a specification approved by the regulator.

(3) Every water fitting shall comply with the requirements of Schedule 2 to these Regulations as it applies to that fitting.

Example Only

	Fitting/ Appliance Name	Model Information	WRAS/KIWA Approval Details
1	Copper pipe	Copper	127140
2	Fittings	310,315,318	012258
3	Taps	T55	56654

* Follow Full Table Appendix 1

Please Note:

If you do not supply the required information below, Yorkshire Water may withhold consent for connection. This could delay your project completion dates. If you have not marked all the boxes below this form is not acceptable.

What information do I need to supply with my notification?

- ☐ **Fully completed and signed notification form**
- ☐ **Completed Regulation 4 Schedule of Fittings & Appliances**
- ☐ **A plan showing the parts of the premises to which the proposed work relates**
- ☐ **A diagram/schematic showing the pipework, appliances and fittings to be installed**

Signed:
Date:

Please return this completed form to:

Water Regulations
Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
PO Box 52
Bradford
BD3 5AY

Or you can email it to

reg5@yorkshirewater.co.uk

Call the Water Regulations team for more information on 01274 804708
Our Water Regulations office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

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*Appendix 1 Regulation 4 Schedule of Proposed Fittings & Appliances

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