

SUMMARY OF GRANTS FOR THE PROVISION OR NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WELL SUPPLY TO A HOUSE

Reference Documents: Department of the Environment Circular L8/97 and Explanatory Memorandum

Amount of Grant: - €2,031.58 or 75% of the approved cost of the works (whichever is the lesser). The approved cost is determined by the local authority.

Objective: The objective of the scheme is to provide grant assistance to households who are dependant on private individual well supplies and who are incurring capital expenditure.

Eligibility:

A person is eligible for a grant if he or she is

- (a) providing a piped supply of water to an existing house for the first time, or
- (b) carrying out improvements to a seriously deficient existing piped supply of water to a house,

where the supply of water concerned is a supply other than a public or group supply scheme.

Please note that the local authority will carry out a prior inspection to determine eligibility of the application under the terms of the scheme.

Conditions:-

- I. The house must be occupied by the applicant as his/her normal place of residence.
- II. The house must be built over 7 years.

The applicant is **not** eligible for a grant

- The house concerned is under construction or has been constructed within the previous 7 years.
- If the house can be served by an existing or proposed Group Water Supply Scheme.
- If a grant for the provision of the house concerned or the provision of a water supply to that house has been paid in the previous 7 years

NB: Works carried out before a prior inspection by the local authority do not qualify under the scheme.

Qualifying Works:

Works that qualify under the scheme where they are undertaken to provide or improve a water supply for domestic purposes:-

- Drilling or commissioning a new well
- Rehabilitating an existing well, including deepening or relining an existing bore or the removal of silt.
- Providing or upgrading a supply of water from a surface water source
- The construction or improvement of a pump house, piping or other facilities in connection with the supply of water
- The provision or improvement of mechanical or electrical equipment or facilities in connection with the supply of water, or
- The provision or improvement of facilities or equipment for the treatment of water **other than** the installation of a water softener.

The following works **do not qualify** where, in the opinion of the local authority -

- (a) they have an approved cost of less than €34.87
- (b) the proposed works exceed what would be required to secure an adequate supply of water for domestic purposes,
- (c) they relate to the installation or improvement of plumbing inside a house,
- (d) they relate to the provision or up-grading of a supply of water for non-domestic purposes,
- (e) they are carried out before the local authority's prior inspection takes place.

Certificate of Provisional Approval

Where the local authority has -

- carried out a prior inspection to its satisfaction, and
- determined that the applicant is eligible, the proposed works qualify, and all other terms and conditions of the scheme are complied with, and
- determined the approved cost and the amount of grant,

it will issue a Certificate of Provisional Approval to the applicant.

Carrying out of works

After receipt of a Certificate of Provisional Approval, the works concerned may commence. The works must be carried out by a contractor registered for VAT who holds a current Form C2 or tax clearance certificate from the Revenue Commissioners.

Claiming payment

On completion of the works, payment of grant may be claimed by the applicant by signing the declaration incorporated in the Certificate of Provisional Approval, and returning it together with receipts in respect of qualifying works to the local authority.

Payment of grant

Following receipt of a claim for payment, the local authority will carry out an inspection of the works to establish that -

- (a) the works proposed in the application have been satisfactorily undertaken and completed, and
- (b) a water supply which is satisfactory in both quality and quantity has been provided.

Once this is established, the grant will be paid.