

MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT 1977 & 1990

LICENSING OF DISCHARGES TO WATERS

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

NOTE: “Trade effluent” is defined in Section 1 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended. A Licence is required for the discharge of domestic sewage from a septic tank only where the discharge is to surface waters or in the case of a discharge to groundwater, when the volume of the discharge exceeds 5m³ per day.

Who to apply to

Applications should be made to The Environment Section, Monaghan County Council, The Glen, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.

Notice of Intention to apply for a licence

Prior to applying for a licence the applicant shall publish, in a newspaper circulating in the functional area of the local authority, notice of their intention to make such an application.

A notice shall contain, as a heading the words ‘**Discharge of Effluent to Waters**’ and shall state:

- the name of the applicant and the name of the local authority to which application is being made.
- a general description of the effluent.
- in the case of trade effluent, state the nature of the trade or industry.
- name and location of the premises from which the effluent is to be discharged.
- indicate the waters to which the effluent is to be discharged.

The application should be submitted **within two weeks** of the date of publication and the **full page** of same be submitted.

Documents to be submitted

A licence application shall be accompanied by-

Site Map: Site map in triplicate to scale 1/2500 showing the premises, drainage systems and any works, apparatus or plant from which the effluent is to be discharged and identifying the waters to which the discharge is to be made. Point of discharge should be shown on 1/2500 OS map.

Application Form: 4 copies of application form with all to be fully completed.

Fee: A fee of €380

For a direct discharge to waters:

- Submit details of the quality, volume and flow rate of receiving waters. Information to include the average daily flow, low flow or 95%tile flow values for the river.
- Demonstrate that there are sufficient flows in the river at all times to assimilate the proposed discharge.
- Demonstrate that the proposed discharge will not impact on the quality of the river at any time including during low flow.
- Demonstrate that nutrient levels will not increase in the river as a result of the proposed discharge.

Newspaper Advertisement (Discharge to Waters or Groundwaters only)

Notice is hereby given that _____ *intends applying to Monaghan Co Council*
name of applicant
for a licence to discharge _____ *arising from*
description of effluent i.e. trade or sewage
 _____ *at* _____
nature of trade or industry location and name of premises
to _____ *at* _____
name of water body

Representations relating to this application may be made in writing to the Director of Services, Environment, Monaghan County Council, County Offices, The Glen, Monaghan within one month of the date of this notice.