

Temporary Time-Limited Refund in respect of Standard Connection Charges for Residential Development (the “Scheme”)



Application Form and Letter of Undertaking – Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver

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As per Circular PL 04/2023, issued on 28th April 2023, the Government has approved a new package of housing support measures to incentivise increased housing supply and help reduce housing construction costs, including the introduction of temporary time-limited arrangements for the refund of Uisce Éireann (UÉ) Standard Connection Charges.

This temporary refund Scheme applies to permitted residential developments that:

- commence on site between **25 April 2023** (the date of the Government Decision approving the measure) and **24 April 2024**; and
- are completed not later than **31 December 2025**.

For Single Domestic Connections that qualify for the Scheme, Uisce Éireann may waive applicable Standard Connection Charge(s). The Scheme does not apply to any applicable Quotable Charges specified in connection agreements.

Customers seeking a waiver of Water and/or Wastewater Standard Connection Charges as part of this Scheme will be required to:

1. Have entered into a Connection Agreement with Uisce Éireann, including:
 - payment of any Quotable Charge;
 - return of Letter of Acceptance; and
 - compliance with any other conditions as set out within the Connection Offer letter.
2. Submit the Uisce Éireann Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver Application Form (the “**Waiver Application**”) to **connectionrefundscheme@water.ie** (Section A of this document).
3. Submit a completed and signed copy of the Uisce Éireann Letter of Undertaking for Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver to **connectionrefundscheme@water.ie** committing to pay any monies previously waived by Uisce Éireann if the Scheme criteria are not met (Section B of this document).
4. Provide a valid Local Authority Letter of Approval in accordance with the Temporary Time-Limited Waiver in respect of Development Contributions and as set out in Circular PL08/2023 (see Appendix 6). The Local Authority Letter of Approval shall be for the same development details as contained within the Waiver Application and will determine the waiver to be processed by Uisce Éireann.
5. Provide a valid Commencement Notice for the Single Domestic development¹, together with a printout of your Commencement Notice from the Building Control Management System².

¹ For commencement notices, submitted directly to the Local Authority (LA), please provide completed LA Commencement Notice processed / approved by the LA.

² <https://nbco.localgov.ie/>

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Section B – Letter of Undertaking to Uisce Éireann – Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver

Re: Uisce Éireann Standard Connection Charge Refunds Scheme (the "Scheme") –
Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver

CDS Reference number:

Development Levy Waiver Reference Unique Identifier:

I/we (insert customer name in block capitals)

a) wish to avail of the terms of the Scheme in respect of

Development Levy Unique identifier:

and CDS Reference number:

b) confirm and agree to the terms of the Scheme;

c) confirm that the permitted residential development complies with the qualification criteria applicable to the Scheme;

d) confirm and agree that all monies waived by Uisce Éireann shall be payable to Uisce Éireann if the terms of the Scheme are not fully complied with (i.e. development **must commence** between 25 April 2023 and 24 April 2024 and **must be completed** by 31 December 2025);

e) confirm and agree that:

- if the development is not complete by 31 December 2025, Uisce Éireann will issue an invoice for the payment of the full value of the Standard Connection Charge previously waived by Uisce Éireann; and
- if payment is not made to Uisce Éireann within 30 days of the date of the invoice, any connections made will be considered unauthorised where they are not covered by the Scheme or where payment of Standard Connection Charges has not been made within the applicable period;

f) confirm and understand that the Scheme does not apply to any applicable Quotable Charges applied as part of the Connection Agreement for the development.

Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

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Section C – Conditions (Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver)

1. The Uisce Éireann Standard Connection Charges Refund Scheme is a government mandated scheme and will be managed in accordance with Circulars PL04/2023 and PL08/2023.
2. The Scheme is time limited as set out within Circulars PL04/2023 and PL08/2023.
3. The Scheme is being provided as part of a package of exceptional support measures under the Housing for All Programme and has strict timelines and completion criteria.
4. The Scheme applies to the Standard Connection Charge under the Uisce Éireann Connection Charging Policy **only**.
5. If a development for which a Customer has been granted a Single Domestic Connection(s) waiver is not completed in accordance with the Scheme criteria i.e. completion of the development or relevant phase within the Scheme timelines as set out in PL04/2023 and PL08/2023, then an invoice for the previously waived amount will be issued to the Customer and the Customer will be required to pay the previously waived amount within 30 days of the date of the invoice. Failure to pay the previously waived amount within 30 days may result in:
 - a. delays in the provision of any connections to the network(s); and/or
 - b. the connection(s) being regarded by Uisce Éireann as unauthorised and subject to action in accordance with Uisce Éireann’s Disconnection & Reconnection Policy⁶
6. The Scheme applies to the Standard Connection Charge under the Uisce Éireann Connection Charging Policy **only**. All Quotable Charges associated with a connection are excluded from the Scheme and remain payable as part of the acceptance criteria for your Connection Offer.
7. Waivers will only be processed once the Customer has entered into a Connection Agreement with Uisce Éireann, including:
 - a. payment of any Quotable Charge;
 - b. return of Letter of Acceptance; and
 - c. compliance with any other conditions as set out within the Connection Offer letter.
8. Any waiver is strictly subject to the provision by the Customer/Applicant of a valid Waiver Application to Uisce Éireann, which includes the following:
 - a. a signed Letter of Undertaking - Single Domestic Connection(s) Waiver;
 - b. valid Commencement Notice⁷, together with a printout of your Commencement Notice from the Building Control Management System⁸;
 - c. Local Authority Letter of Approval.
9. The waiver to be provided by Uisce Éireann applies only to Single Domestic Connections for residential units in a planning permission that are commenced and completed in accordance with the Scheme criteria.
10. Applicant details must match those stated on the relevant Connection Agreement and Waiver Application before a waiver can be approved. Any discrepancies in the information provided may lead to delays in the processing of the waiver and/or the rejection of the Waiver Application.

⁶ https://www.water.ie/connections/information/charges/IW_Disconnection-and-Reconnection_Policy_as-approved_210422.pdf

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