

Wastewater (Fees) Regulations 2001

GN 105/2001

THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ACT 2000

Regulations made by the Minister under sections 25 and 47 of the Wastewater Management Authority Act 2000

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Wastewater (Fees) Regulations 2001**.

2. In these regulations -

"bottling premises" means premises for the manufacture and bottling of alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages;

"business premises" includes bottling premises"

"ground water" means any water under the surface of the ground, and includes underground streams, natural subsurface reservoirs and lakes and any water held underground in a zone of saturation but does not include-

(a) water flowing on or contained in artificial pipes, conduits or reservoirs;

(b) surface water having as its immediate origin atmospheric precipitation or natural springs issuing at the ground surface and flowing over, or retained on, the surface of the ground;

"living quarter" means a separate and independent place of abode occupied as a distinct and separated holdings, or tenancy or otherwise by a Household for the purpose of living;

"water charges" means any charge for the consumption or use, of-

(a) water supplied by the Central Water Authority; or

(b) ground water;

"wastewater fee" means the wastewater fee leviable under regulation 3 and specified in the Schedule.

Amended by [\[GN No. 6 of 2004\]](#)

Added by [\[GN No. 114 of 2003\]](#)

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), every owner or occupier of a living quarter, or of business premises, connected to the wastewater system and who is liable to pay water charges to the central Water Authority under any enactment shall pay a wastewater fee calculated at the rate Specified in the Schedule, on the monthly consumption of water as indicated by the meter installed on his premises.

- (2) Every owner or occupier of bottling premises who uses-
- (a) water supplied by the Central Water Authority to operate his business, shall pay a wastewater fee calculated on the monthly consumption of water;
 - (b) ground water to operate his business shall pay a wastewater fee equivalent to 50 per cent of the fee calculated on a monthly volume of ground water abstracted,
- as indicated by the meter installed on his premises, at the rate specified in the Schedule.
- (3) The Central Water Authority shall send for and on behalf of the Wastewater Management Authority to every owner or occupier of a living quarter or of business premises, a monthly claim for the wastewater fee.
- (4) The fee shall be paid within 21 days from the date of issue of a claim under paragraph (1) and any payment made thereafter shall include a surcharge of 10 per cent.
- (5) Where the amount payable under paragraph (3) is not in a multiple of 10 cents, it shall be increased to the nearest multiple of 10 cents.
4. Every person who is liable to pay the wastewater fee under these regulations and who fails to receive the claim for the fee during any month shall so inform the Wastewater Management Authority office nearest to his locality without delay.
5. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) every owner or occupier of a living quarter or business premises shall be liable to pay the appropriate minimum fee specified in the Schedule in any month where-
- (a) no water has been consumed or ground water abstracted in respect of the living quarter or business premises; or
 - (b) the water consumed or ground water abstracted in respect of the living quarter or business premises, does not exceed 15 cubic metres.
- (2) Where the owner or occupier of a living quarter or business premises gives one month's prior notice to the Wastewater Management Authority, of his intention to cease consuming water supplied by the Central Water Authority, or to cease abstracting ground water, no fee shall be leviable on the expiry of the period of one month.
- (3) Where a living quarters supplied with water by means of a pipe, the fee leviable shall be the minimum fee.
- (4) Where the reading for true volume of water supplied by the Central Water Authority or the ground water abstracted is not available for a month, the wastewater fee shall be calculated by reference to the average daily consumption as evidenced by the 2 or more monthly consumption readings obtained before that month.

6. Where 2 or more living quarters or business premises are connected to a common sewerage system, the owner or occupier of every living quarter or business premises shall pay the wastewater fee which shall be calculated on the monthly consumption of water in respect of the living quarter or business premises, as the case may be.
7. **The Waste Water (Tax) Regulations 1999 are revoked.**
8. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 September 2001.

Made by the Minister on 13 September 2001.

SCHEDULE
(regulation 3)

1. Living quarter

(a)	First 10 cubic metres	Rs 5.50 per cubic metre
	Next 10 cubic metres	Rs 6.50 per cubic metre
	Next 30 cubic metres	Rs 15.00 per cubic metre
	Every additional cubic metre	Rs 34.00 per cubic metre
(b)	Minimum fee	Rs 55.00 per month

2. Business premises

(a)	(i)	for water supplied by the Central Water Authority	Rs 20.00 per cubic metre
	(ii)	for groundwater abstracted	Rs 20.00 per cubic metre
(b)		Minimum fee.....	Rs 200.00 per month

Amended by [\[GN No. 10 of 2002\]](#); [\[GN No. 114 of 2003\]](#); [\[GN No. 6 of 2004\]](#); [\[GN No. 40 of 2008\]](#)