

**WATER (TARIFF) REGULATIONS – SECTIONS 3 AND 4***(Legal Notice 14 of 2011)***Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Water (Tariff) Regulations, 2011, and shall come into force on 1 April 2011.

**Interpretation**

2. For purposes of these Regulations, any word or phrase to which a meaning has been assigned in the Water Regulations bears the meaning so assigned, and—

“**charging period**” means the period of time in respect of which charges are being calculated

“**unoccupied residential premises**” means any residential premises, where—

- (a) the consumption of water during the charging period averaged less than 0.15 cubic metres per day; and
- (b) the consumer in relation to such premises cannot prove to the Water Authority that such premises were *bona fide* occupied as a residence for a period, or periods in aggregate, of at least 60 days during the period of 90 days preceding the end of the charging period:

Provided that where a consumer who ordinarily resides at such premises is temporarily absent from such premises due to illness or overseas holidays, such premises shall be deemed to remain *bona fide* occupied as a residence during such period of absence for purposes of paragraph (b).

**Services charges for water supply**

3. The servicer charge for connection to the water distribution system (whether for treated or untreated water) shall be—

Water supplied	Rate
(a) For domestic purposes (other than where paragraph (b) applies)	£0.06 for each day in the charging period
(b) For unoccupied residential premises	£0.17 for each day in the charging period
(c) For commercial purposes	£0.18 for each day in the charging period
(d) For agricultural purposes	£0.06 for each day in the charging period

**Rates for consumption of water**

4. (1) The rates for consumption of water shall be—

Water supplied	Rate per m <sup>3</sup>
For domestic purposes:	
(a) Treated water:	
(i) First 15m <sup>3</sup>	£0.72
(ii) Additional m <sup>3</sup>	£0.94
(b) Untreated water	£0.47
For commercial purposes	£1.85
For agricultural purposes:	
Treated water	£0.94
Untreated water	£0.47

(2) Where the charge for consumption of water under sub-regulation (1) relates to a charging period which is shorter or longer than 90 days, the number of cubic metres included in sub-regulation (1)(a)(i) shall be adjusted *pro rata* for purposes of determining the rate to be applied.

(3) No charges shall be due for water supplied for religious or social purposes, to a public building (other than a building referred to in paragraph (4)) where no charge is made for admission.

(4) The charges for water supplied to a community centre, or to land or premises for which no other charge is prescribed, are the same as those for occupied residential premises.

### Connection, disconnection and reconnection charges

5. The following charges apply in respect of the connection, disconnection and reconnection of water supply under Regulation 11 or 12 of the Water Regulations:

Service	Charge
Connection charge	£6.00
Disconnection charge	£10.00
Reconnection and maintenance charge:	
After being disconnected for a period of up to one month	£6.00
After being disconnected for a period of more than one month up to six months	£30.00
After being disconnected for a period of more than six months up to 12 months	£50.00
After being disconnected for a period of more than 12 months	£50 for every year that the water supply has been disconnected: Provided that the amount for any part of a year shall be calculated on a pro rata basis.

### Charges for waste water drainage service

6. The following charges apply in respect of waste water drainage services:

Service	Charge
Service charge for property connected to the public sewerage system:	
(a) Where paragraph (b) does not apply:	£0.09 for each day in the charging period.
(b) If the volume of water charged for under regulation 4 averaged less than 0.15 cubic metres per day during the charging period:	£0.05 for each day in the charging period
Emptying of septic tank	£44.00
Unblocking private sewerage line (whether connected to septic tank or making connection to public system)	£27.50

### Amendment of legislation

7. The Water Charges Regulations, Cap. 55, listed in column 1 of the table are amended to the extent set out in column 2 thereof:

Regulation	Extent amended
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Regulation 1	Delete the word “Charges”.
Regulation 2	Amended by inserting the following definition after the definition of “consumption”: <b>“prescribed”</b> in relation to any charge, means prescribed by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Ordinance.”.
Regulation 5	Amended by inserting the word “prescribed” before the word “charge”.
Regulation 10	Revoked
Regulation 11	Amended by inserting the word “prescribed” before the word “charge” and deleting the words “prescribed in Part II of the Schedule”.
Regulation 12	Sub-regulation (1) is amended by revoking the words “such fee as prescribed in Part II of the Schedule” and substituting the words “the prescribed charge” therefor.
Regulation 13	Sub-regulation (2)(b) is amended by inserting the word “prescribed” before the word “reconnection” and deleting the words “as prescribed in Part II of the Schedule”.
Schedule	Revoked.