

L.N. 6 of 1981

WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCE (CAP. 36)

Water Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 1981

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Water Supply Ordinance, the Minister of Works and Sport, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, Customs and People's Financial Investments, has made the following regulations:—

Citation and
commencement.

G.N. 133
of 1948

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Water Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 1981, and shall be read and construed as one with the Water Supply Regulations, 1948, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) These regulations shall come into effect, with respect to any consumer, immediately after the first reading of the relative water supply meter made after the first of January, 1981:

Provided that, where any meter is not accessible for reading on the day when the meter reader calls on the consumer for such purpose, these regulations shall, with respect to such consumer, come into effect on that day.

Amends
regulation 2
of the
principal
regulations.

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, the definition of "intermittent supply" shall be deleted and, immediately after the definition of "office", there shall be inserted the following:

" "period of four months" means the period of approximately seventeen weeks between one normal meter reading and the next normal reading, the reading at the commencement of the supply and the reading at the termination of the supply being deemed to be normal readings:

Provided that, as regards the meter charge, when a reading is taken for a period of 16 weeks or less or 18 weeks or more, such charge shall be calculated on a *pro rata* basis."

Amends
regulation 3
of the
principal
regulations.

3. In regulation 3 of the principal regulations the words from "Bill Collectors" to "on duty" shall be deleted.

Amends
regulation 5
of the
principal
regulations.

4. In regulation 5 of the principal regulations for the figure "50c" there shall be substituted the figure "£1".

Substitutes
regulation 12
of the
principal
regulations.

5. For regulation 12 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"12. Water for all domestic supplies shall be charged for by the Water Authority in accordance with the Tariff and provisions contained in the First Schedule to these regulations."

Substitutes
regulation 13
of the
principal
regulations.

6. For regulation 13 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"13. Water for all supplies other than domestic shall be charged for by the Water Authority in accordance with the Tariff

and provisions contained in the Second Schedule to these regulations.”.

7. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked. Revokes regulation 15 of the principal regulations.

8. For Title X and for regulation 16 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following: Substitutes regulation 16 of the principal regulations.

“X. NON-POTABLE WATER

16. The Water Authority may, on demand, supply non-potable water which shall be charged for as follows:

Purpose	Rate
(a) Agricultural	25c per 1 m ³
(b) Industrial	4c per 1 m ³
(c) Building or other	40c per 1 m ³ .”.

9. Regulation 17 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked. Revokes regulation 17 of the principal regulations.

10. For the figures and words “£10 per 1,000 gallons” and “£5 per 1,000 gallons” in regulation 18 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the figures and words “£2.20 per 1 m³” and “£1.10 per 1 m³” respectively. Amends regulation 18 of the principal regulations.

11. For sub-paragraph (1) of regulation 22 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following: Amends regulation 22 of the principal regulations.

“(1) Where it is not otherwise provided in the Second Schedule to these regulations, the following shall be the charges per month in respect of each meter installed:

Diameter	Rate
15 mm	15c
20 mm	
25 mm	
40 mm	
45 mm	20c.”.
50 mm	

12. For the figures “5c”, “10c” and “15c” in regulation 28 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the figures “30c”, “£1” and “£2” respectively. Amends regulation 28 of the principal regulations.

13. In regulation 32 —

- (a) for the words “presented and collected at” there shall be substituted the words “posted to”; and
- (b) the words “in which case payment shall be made at the office” shall be deleted. Amends regulation 32 of the principal regulations.

Amends
regulation 34
of the
principal
regulations.

14. In regulation 34 —

(a) the words "to one of the official Bill Collectors or at the office" shall be deleted; and

(b) for the words "rent shall continue to be charged therefor" there shall be substituted the words "the rates provided for metering as applicable, shall continue to be due".

Amends
regulation 39
of the
principal
regulations.

15. For the figure "25c" in regulation 39 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the figure "£1".

Amends
regulation 40
of the
principal
regulations.

16. In paragraph (1) of regulation 40 of the principal regulations, for the words "the water dues and/or meter rent" there shall be substituted the words "metering and water consumption rates due".

Amends
regulation 41
of the
principal
regulations.

17. For the words "nine gallons" in regulation 41 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the words "forty litres".

Adds
new Schedules
to the
principal
regulations.

18. Immediately after regulation 42 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new Schedules:—

"FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 12)

Domestic Supplies — Tariff for meter charge and water consumption

1. In every period of four months the charges shall be the following:

For metering and water consumption of any quantity up to 27 m ³	£1.20c
For any quantity exceeding 27 m ³ but not exceeding 42 m ³	12c per 1 m ³
For any quantity exceeding 42 m ³ but not exceeding 57 m ³	16c5 per 1 m ³
For any quantity exceeding 57 m ³	25c per 1 m ³

Provided that where, on information tendered to it by a consumer on the appropriate form, the Water Authority is satisfied that in a household of more than five persons there is only one bread-winner the charge for water consumption exceeding 27 m³, and subject to the limit of 5 m³ per person in excess of that number, shall be at the rate of 4c5 per 1 m³.

2. Where a consumer is in receipt of social assistance or of a pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1943, or of a pension under the National Insurance Act, 1956, the following charges shall be made in every period of four months:

For metering and water consumption of any quantity up to 20 m ³	60c
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For any quantity exceeding 20 m ³ but not exceeding 27 m ³	4c5 per 1 m ³
For any quantity exceeding 27 m ³ but not exceeding 42 m ³	12c per 1 m ³
For any quantity exceeding 42 m ³ but not exceeding 57 m ³	16c5 per 1 m ³
For any quantity exceeding 57 m ³	25c per 1 m ³ .

3. The rates established at paragraph 2 of this Schedule shall apply —

(a) where the Director of Social Services certifies the consumer to be entitled to pay such rates under these provisions, or

(b) where the Minister responsible for social services allows the said rates to be applicable to such charitable institutions as he may determine to be financially meritorious.

4. The rates established at paragraph 2 of this Schedule shall not apply —

(a) where the consumer is in receipt of social assistance and the premises to which the consumption relates are also occupied in any part whatsoever by any person who does not form part of the consumer's household within the meaning of the National Assistance Act, 1956; or

(b) where the consumer is in receipt of a pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, and the premises to which the consumption relates are also occupied in any part whatsoever by any person other than —

(i) a person in receipt of any such pension, or

(ii) a person forming part of a household the head of which is in receipt of social assistance; or

(c) where the consumer is in receipt of a pension under the National Insurance Act, 1956, and his yearly means (not including his pension) exceeds the yearly means which would have entitled him, independently of his age, to a pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, or if the premises to which the consumption relates are also occupied in any part whatsoever by any person other than —

(i) a person in receipt of any pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, or

(ii) a person forming part of a household the head of which is in receipt of social assistance:

Provided that if on receipt of an application in writing referable to a specified tenement the Water Authority is satisfied that, owing to an undetected leakage or for any other reason which in the opinion of that Authority is good and sufficient, the sum claimed in accordance with the rates established in this Schedule may be a source of hardship, the Water Authority may allow in writing and with an expression therein of the reasons therefor, such reduction as may be necessary to remove that hardship:

Provided also that the Water Authority shall charge for temporarily unmetered supplies to a tenement of water for domestic purposes at the rate of 30c per tap and/or other outlet per month in respect of each such tenement.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 13)

Supplies other than Domestic — Tariff for meter charge and water consumption

In every period of four months the charges shall be the following:

(a) For metering and water consumption in a bar, a restaurant, a night club, a garage or in premises licensed to sell wines and spirits, of any quantity up to 10 m ³	£1.20c
for any quantity exceeding 10 m ³ but not exceeding 57 m ³	70c per 1 m ³
for any quantity exceeding 57 m ³	£1 per 1 m ³
(b) For water consumption in an industrial establishment or in any premises used wholly for the rearing of animals or partly used for such rearing and partly for residential purposes, of any quantity up to 2,270 m ³ ...	4c5 per 1 m ³
for any quantity exceeding 2,270 m ³	12c per 1 m ³
(c) For water consumption in a residential tenement used for tourist purposes, whether registered or not with the Hotels and Catering Establishments Board, of any quantity up to 84 m ³	70c per 1 m ³
for any quantity exceeding 84 m ³	£1 per 1 m ³
(d) For water consumption in a guest house, a hotel or in a holiday complex, of any quantity up to 14 m ³ per bed	70c per 1 m ³
for any quantity exceeding 14 m ³ per bed	£1 per 1 m ³
(e) For water consumption in a laundry or a launderette, of any quantity up to 2,270 m ³	70c per 1 m ³
for any quantity exceeding 2,270 m ³	£1 per 1 m ³
(f) For water supplied to seacraft	£1.10c per 1 m ³
(g) For water consumption in a Government Department	4c5 per 1 m ³
(h) For metering and water consumption in any other case, of any quantity up to 57 m ³	£5
for any quantity exceeding 57 m ³	12c per 1 m ³

In the case of (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), in addition to the rates shown, a meter charge shall be levied in accordance with regulation 22."