

# New end of water year cut-off date

## Fact sheet

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WaterNSW in collaboration with the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has reviewed our end of water year operations and concluded that an earlier submission cut-off date for temporary trade application is necessary.

Moving forward, the last day to submit temporary trade applications for the current water year will be **10 business days before the end of the water year**.

The **change responds to a very high demand** in late June. Over the past five water years, June has had the highest number of applications per water year, with more than 50% of June applications being submitted in the final 10 days, creating processing delays and flow-on impacts such as water account reconciliations and issuing available water determination.

### Please note the 2025/26 deadlines to trade water

- Murrumbidgee Regulated Water Interstate – **11:59pm 30 April 2026**
- NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated River Interstate – **11:59pm 30 April 2026**
- All other regulated water, groundwater and unregulated water (unless otherwise noted) – **11:59pm 16 June 2026**

### What you need to know

- An end of year submission cut-off date of **10 business days prior to 30 June** now applies to temporary water trade applications. Applications submitted after the cut-off date may be refused if there is not enough time to process them within our [Service Level Agreements](#) once the water year has closed.
- **Applications are processed on a first-in, first-served basis.** Applications received after the 30 June may be refused if they impact operations in the new water year.
- **Late applications may still be accepted in limited circumstances.** Where unpredicted allocation credits occur, WaterNSW may accept late applications to help avoid forfeiture of water. Allowances for late submissions remain at WaterNSW's discretion.
- **Interstate arrangements remain unchanged** for the Murrumbidgee and NSW Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers- 11:59 pm on 30 April 2026.

## What does this mean for you?

You have the opportunity to manage your water account to ensure any unused water allocation (subject to the carryover rules of your water sharing plan) is traded or used within the current water year. If you decide to trade water, you will need to submit an application and pay the fee on our [trading water webpage](#).

If you have a water account balance exceeding your carryover provisions and do not wish to trade water, you have until the end of the water year on **30 June 2026** to utilise any unused water allocation.

## What is carryover?

Every year, you have the opportunity to manage your water account to ensure any unused water allocation (subject to the carryover rules of your water sharing plan) is traded or used within the current water year.

Carryover is a determined volume of unused water in your account at the end of the water year according to the rules of your water sharing plan, that may be added to your opening balance the following water year.



## Our top tips

1. Check your potential carryover and water account balances in our online Water Accounting System ([iWAS](#)).
2. Enter any outstanding meter reads or non-metered water take in iWAS to ensure your water account has an accurate balance.
3. [Read about your water sharing plan](#) to ensure you understand the rules that apply to your water access licence including your carryover rules.
4. Choose to trade/assign or use any of the remaining, unused water, available in your account after the carryover limit is applied.
5. To trade water, you will need to [submit an application](#) and pay the associated fee.  
**WaterNSW will not accept customer requests to backdate or amend a temporary trade application after 30 June 2026.**

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