

# NSW Public Water Register – Identifying approval details

## How-to guide

The [NSW Public Water Register](#) is a tool to search for information about water licences and approvals issued under the *Water Act 1912* or *Water Management Act 2000* if you cannot log into the [Customer Portal](#).

Access the [NSW Public Water Register - You Tube](#) video for a demonstration on how to search in the tool.

## Process

### 1. Search NSW Public Water Register

- a) Access the [NSW Public Water Register](#) to search for information about water licences and approvals issued.
- b) Select from one of the available options to search for the required information. For example, “A particular licence or approval (including conditions)” and click on the next button.

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## NSW Water Register

The NSW Water Register provides public access to information about [water licences](#), [approvals](#), [water trading](#), [water dealings](#), [environmental water](#) and other matters related to water entitlements in NSW.

The register amalgamates information from several public registers maintained by WaterNSW as part of its statutory responsibility to record water entitlement and water market information.

The NSW Water Register is complemented by the [Water Access Licence Register](#) maintained by [NSW Land Registry Services](#), which provides more detailed information about every water access licence in NSW.

The NSW Water Register does not provide information on water entitlements held by foreign persons. This information is held on the Commonwealth Government's Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements, which can be accessed via the Australian Taxation Office.

### Search the NSW Water Register

Select from the options below to search for the information you want to know. Only one option can be selected and searched at a time.

I want information about:

- A particular water licence or approval (including conditions)**
- A particular property (in relation to water licences or approvals)
- A particular water source (in relation to water access licences and approvals, including conditions, and water usage)
- A particular floodplain management plan or land declared to be a floodplain (in relation to flood work approvals)
- Water allocations (available water determinations)
- Approval applications and advertisements
- Environmental water
- Water trading statistics and processing times

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Notes:



- c) Select from one of the available options to search for the required information about a water license or approval. For example, “*Approval issued under the Water Management Act 2000*” and click on the search button.

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### Information about a water licence or approval

Use this tool to search for information about water licences and approvals issued under the *Water Act 1912* or *Water Management Act 2000*.

Select the type of licence or approval and enter the licence or approval number:

- **Water access licence (WAL):** a WAL number starts with the letters 'WAL' followed by several numbers; a WAL also has a reference number that starts with a two digit number, followed by 'AL' and then several numbers.
- **1912 water licence:** a water licence number starts with a two digit number, followed by a two letter code and then several numbers. Note: a PT reference number cannot be entered.
- **Approval:** an approval number starts with a two digit number, followed by a two letter code (WA, UA, CA or FW) and then several numbers.

Search for information about either a:

- Water access licence (WAL) issued under the *Water Management Act 2000*
- Water Act 1912* Licences and Authorities

#### Approval issued under the *Water Management Act 2000*

Approval Number

**Notes:** The search results will list the conditions imposed on the approval and also list the number/s of any water access licence/s that nominate the water supply works associated with the approval.

This search tool does not include information about [controlled activity approvals](#). Information publicly available from a register of controlled activity approvals is available at our [local offices](#).

- d) Use the following drop-down options to search for the issued approval.
- o Valley (10,20,30,40,50,57,60,70,80,85,90)
  - o Approval type: **AI** = Aquifer interference, **CA** = Combined approval, **FW** = Flood work, **UA** = Use approval, **WA** = Work approval
  - o Type in the last 6 digits of your approval number
- e) For example, in the case of 10AI123456,
- o select 10 from the 1<sup>st</sup> drop box,
  - o select AI from the 2<sup>nd</sup> drop box,
  - o enter the last six numbers 123456 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> available free text box, and
  - o click on the search button, once you have entered the correct approval number.

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- f) The following search results will appear outlining the:
- Kind of approval,
    - o Work type, description, diameter, status, no. of works, location Lot//DP, suffix, work ID, ESID
    - o The Use purposes if there is one associated with the approval

- Water access licences nominating these works (reference number, WAL etc.) if there is one associated with this approval.
  - Conditions
    - Water sharing plan
    - Conditions and other conditions
  - The search results will appear below the search listing all the works in work ID order. Some work ID numbers will be duplicated if the work crosses over multiple Location (Lot/DP) e.g., channels and storages.
- g) To help identify the work location, copy and paste the latitude and longitude values for the Work ID into a web based mapping tool like [Google maps](#) or [Bing Maps](#) etc. in the search bar and it will take you to the work location.
- If you cannot identify the work, it could be that the location recorded against your approval is incorrect and you should contact us immediately. Prior to contacting us, you should try to identify the constructed work's co-ordinates in latitude & longitude.

## Search Results

Kind of Approval	Issue Date	Expiry Date	Approval Number	Status	Water Source
Water Supply Works And Water Use	01-JUL-2004	11-FEB-2028	50CA123456	Current	New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source

Work Type	Description	Diameter	Status	No of Works	Location (Lot/DP)	Suffix	Work ID	ESID
Diversion Works - Pumps	150mm Centrifugal Pump	NA	Active	1	Lot 123, DP 456789	Whole Lot	1000012345	1234

Use Purpose(s)	Location(s)
Industrial (Low Security)	Lot 123, DP 456789

Water Access Licences nominating these works	
Reference Number	WAL Number
50AL123456	1234

### - Conditions

Plan Conditions

## Additional information

1. [WaterNSW - Customer support and resources](#)
2. [SIX Maps](#) - The Department of Customer Service Spatial Information Exchange is the new access channel to spatial information related applications published by the Department of Customer Service. SIX Maps (Spatial Information Exchange) is the entry point to view Spatial Services' interactive images and mapping of NSW, incorporating a range of spatial and property data.

SIX Maps is free to view, and users can display whole of NSW imagery and base map data which includes NSW address and property administrative boundaries; Lot, Deposited Plan (DP), Strata Plan (SP) and Local Government Areas (LGA). View the [SIX Maps tutorial](#) here.

## Definitions on the NSW Public Water Register

Name	Definition
Kind of approval	Indicates the approval type, including basic rights, water supply works, water use with works, or flood works.
Issue date	The date the approval was issued or converted to the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> from the <i>Water Act 1912</i> .
Expiry date	The date the approval is due to expire or the date it expired. Approvals without an expiry date are issued in perpetuity, typically for basic rights landholder bore approvals.
Status	The current status of the approval, such as current or expired. If expired, you can apply to extend it or surrender it if it's no longer required.
Water Source	The water source for which the approval is issued and where the authorised works are located.
Work ID	The unique work ID for all works authorised under the approval, allowing each work to be individually identified.
Description	A description of the authorised work type, including the size of the pump approved.
Diameter	The authorised bore diameter.
Location (lot/D/P)	The Lot and DP on which the authorised works are located.
ESID	Identifies the extraction site; the ESID is not always unique and may link to multiple authorised works.
Work type	The type of work authorised under the approval, such as diversion works, pumps, bores, or extractive works.
Lat/Long	The geospatial coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the authorised works. If this appears incorrect, contact WaterNSW immediately.
Authorised constructed	If the approval shows only an authorised status, it means we have not been notified that the work has been constructed. You can update this by classifying your works.
Takes water	Will display as blank, Y, or N. A blank field means we have not been notified, and you must classify the work. Y or N indicates you have classified the work as taking or not taking water.
BLR	A "Y" here means the work is classified as taking water solely under basic landholder rights.
Classification	Identifies the classification of the work. If it states, "take of water yet to be specified," no classification has been recorded for your works.
Use purpose	Identifies the authorised use of the property and the location it applies to. If no use is authorised on your approval, this section will be blank.
Water Access Licence nominating these works	Identifies the WAL(s) associated with the approval, including the WAL and licence number. A blank field means no WAL is currently linked.

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