

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACTS, 1977 & 1990

Application for Licence to Discharge Trade Effluent or Other Matter (other than Domestic Sewage or Storm Water) to a Sewer

Notes for the guidance of applicants in the case of existing discharges (see definition below)

1. General

Under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 & 1990, a licence is required for the discharge of any trade effluent (see definition below) or other matter (other than domestic sewage or storm water) to a sewer. After 1 January, 1979, it shall be an offence to make any such discharge to a sewer except under and in accordance with a licence.

The licensing system applies to all existing discharges (see definition below) as well as new ones. In the case of existing discharges, where application is made before 1 January, 1979, and the necessary information is furnished, a person shall be deemed not to have contravened the Act until such time as a decision is made on his application. This provision enables the Council to adopt as flexible an approach as possible in the case of existing discharges.

2. Who to apply to

The application should be made to the Council in which the sewer is vested or by which it is controlled. In other words if the sewer is vested in or controlled by Louth County Council, application should be made to the Secretary, Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk.

3. Documents to be submitted

A licence application should be accompanied by the following:

- (a) a completed application form.
(The form must be completed fully and accurately and must be signed by the applicant who must be either a sole trader or a limited company).
- (b) three copies of plans and such other particulars as are necessary to describe the premises, drainage system and any works, apparatus or plant from which the effluent or other matter is to be discharged. Point of discharge should be shown on 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Map.
- (c) If the applicant is a body corporate, the following information must be attached:
 - (i) A certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation; and
 - (ii) The Company's Registration Number from the Companies Registry Office.

4. Fees

- (a) A fee of €380.92 shall be paid to Louth County Council by an applicant in respect of a licence application.
- (b) A fee of €380.92 shall be paid by the licensee to Louth County Council in respect of a review of licence where licensee applies to Louth County Council to review the licence.

5. Definitions

- (a) “Existing Discharge” means a discharge which is similar in nature, composition and temperature to, and is of a similar volume and is made at a similar rate to, a discharge made during any corresponding period in the period of twelve months ending on the 1 January, 1979.
- (b) “Trade Effluent” means effluent from any works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe used for the disposal to waters or to a sewer of any liquid (whether treated or untreated), either with or without particles of matter in suspension therein, which is discharged from premises used for carrying on any trade or industry (including mining), but does not include domestic sewage or storm water.
- (c) “Trade” includes agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture and any scientific research or experiment.

6. Exempted Discharges

A licence is not required for the discharge to a sewer of domestic sewage or storm water.

7. Legal

These notes are for guidance only and do not purport to be a legal interpretation of the provisions concerned.

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APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE

to discharge Trade Effluent or other
matter (other than domestic sewage or storm water) to a sewer.

(Block Capitals)

- 1.(a) Name and address of Applicant _____

- 1.(b) Name and address of Agent _____

- 1.(c) Telephone No. of Agent _____ Telephone No. of Applicant _____
2. Name and address of the premises from which the effluent or other matter is to be discharged _____

3. If the effluent is a trade effluent, give a general description of the process or activities giving rise to the discharge _____

4. (a) Location of point of discharge to sewer (to be also shown on a 1-2500 Ordnance Survey Map). _____
(b) Details of size and type of discharge pipe _____

Plans, in triplicate, indicating the premises, drainage system and any works, apparatus or plant from which the effluent or other matter is to be discharged must accompany this application form.

5. Details of provision made for sampling and measuring flow of effluent _____

6. Particulars of any other discharges from the premises in question _____

7. Details of any special arrangements to prevent accidental discharges _____

8. General

(a) Date of commencement of discharge _____

(b) Trade Effluent: volume of effluent to be discharged:-

(i) Normal per day

(ii) Maximum in any one day

(iii) Maximum rate per hour

(iv) The period or periods of the day in which the discharge is to take place

(v) Any seasonal, or other variations (including any arising from plant malfunction), in volumes of effluent to be discharged _____

(c) Particulars of effluent treatment _____

9. Characteristics of Trade Effluent

Complete for all applicable characteristics giving concentration ranges where available.

Concentration to be expressed in mg/l where applicable.

The following list is meant to be indicative only - such other physical, chemical or other characteristics as are pertinent to the effluent in question should be specified.

| CHARACTERISTIC | PRIOR TO TREATMENT | AS DISCHARGED |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Temperature °C | | |
| pH | | |
| Colour (degrees Hazen) | | |
| B.O.D. | | |
| C.O.D | | |
| Suspended Solids | | |
| Settleable Solids (ml/l) | | |
| Dissolved Solids | | |
| Ammonia (as N) | | |
| Nitrates (as N) | | |
| Phosphorus (as P) | | |
| Sulphates (as SO ₄) | | |
| Chlorides (as Cl) | | |
| Phenols (as C ₆ H ₅ OH) | | |
| Detergents (as LauryhSulphate) | | |
| Oils, Grease and Fats | | |
| Metals (Specify each) | | |
| (a) | | |
| (b) | | |
| (c) | | |
| (d) | | |
| (e) | | |
| Organohalogen compounds (Specify) | | |
| Organophosphorus (Specify) | | |

| CHARACTERISTIC | PRIOR TO TREATMENT | AS DISCHARGED |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Mineral Oils or Hydrocarbons of petroleum origin | | |
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| Other toxic substances (specify) | | |
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| Other relevant characteristics | | |
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I hereby make application for a licence, under section 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, to discharge Trade effluent in accordance with the terms and other particulars afforded. The discharge for which a licence is sought is/is not (delete whichever is inapplicable) an existing discharge (see definition in explanatory notes).

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Note:- If the application relates to matter other than trade effluent, please give a description of the other matter _____

