

## LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

### Communities and Environment Directorate

#### Fees for Private Water Supplies Risk Assessment, Sampling, Authorisations & Investigations

2024/25

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#### Current Fee

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#### PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY CHARGES\*

Officer time charges (based on hourly rate of £36.41)	Fee (based on average where stated)
Sampling visit rate including travel, time on site and administration. The average charged time is 3 hours (please note sample analysis costs are additional to this amount). **	£113.50 (average charge)
Rate for officer time involved in carrying out investigations or undertaking and documenting a risk assessment.  A risk assessment is usually undertaken every five years. The average charged time for a risk assessment to be undertaken including travel time, time on site and the subsequent assessment and recording of findings is 5 hours.  An investigation is undertaken when considered to be needed by the local authority e.g., when a supply is suspected (based on a risk assessment) to be a danger to health (please note sample analysis costs are additional to this amount).	Risk Assessment - £204.50 (average charge)
	Investigation- £36.41 per hour (in this instance time spent on site will only be charged)
Granting an authorisation (each authorisation)	£95.00
<b>Costs for analysing a sample:</b>	
Under Regulation 10 (Where a supply provides less than 10m <sup>3</sup> per day to domestic users. This cost also applies to single property water supplies who request the local to test their water supply.	Actual laboratory costs £29.88+VAT
Under Regulation 9 (larger supplies providing more than 10m <sup>3</sup> per day (usually this equates to supplies serving more than 50 persons) and/or for commercial/public supplies), a full suite of parameters (Group A and B) is tested annually to ensure the water complies with all safety standards.	Actual laboratory costs £206.28+VAT
Under Regulation 9, additional monitoring is also required (Group A only) dependant on the size of supply (volume or water used). The frequency of samples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 additional sample annually for supplies greater than 10m<sup>3</sup> per day but less than or equal to 100m<sup>3</sup> per day.</li> </ul>	Actual laboratory costs £40.47+VAT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 additional samples annually for supplies greater than 100m<sup>3</sup> per day but less than or equal to 1000m<sup>3</sup> per day</li></ul>  |  |
| <p><i>* Please note that in some circumstances there are some nuances to how the regulation/charges are applied. Please contact the environmental health department should you need to clarify what charges may apply. Further advice on applicable charges is provided at:</i><br/><a href="https://www.dwi.gov.uk/private-water-supplies/pws-guidance-documents/">https://www.dwi.gov.uk/private-water-supplies/pws-guidance-documents/</a></p> |  |
| <p><i>** No fee is payable for repeat sampling/analysis solely to clarify the results of a previous sample</i></p>  |  |

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