PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME

WHAT IS THE SCHEME ABOUT?

The scheme is designed to improve the quality of private water supplies and to improve the health of users.

Properties on private water supplies are eligible to a grant up to a maximum of £800 per property to improve their private water supply

WHY SHOULD I IMPROVE MY WATER SUPPLY?

If your water supply is untreated or not adequately treated then you, your family and any visitors to your property may be at risk of contracting a potentially serious illness. Statistics show that you are between 22-50 times more likely to get ill if you drink an untreated private water supply.

WHAT IS A PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY?

A private water supply is one that is not provided by a statutory water undertaker, e.g. Scottish Water, and where responsibility for it's maintenance and repair lies with the owner or persons who use it.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If your premises are in Scotland and served by a private water supply; the supply is the main or sole supply of water for human consumption purposes to these premises; and the supply is in need of improvement to bring it up to modern standards.

The grant is available to private water supplies serving domestic, commercial and some public premises.

WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply for a private water supply grant if you own the supply or use the supply. This includes tenants of the property but if you do not own the property then you must get the owners written permission.

HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

The grant **is not** means tested and you can get up to £800 for each premises served.

GRANT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO:

- i. Any public bodies or office-holder; or
- ii. New premises or developments; or
- Premises which are the subject to a closing order under section 114 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; demolition order under section 115 of the Act or a dangerous building notice under section 30 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003
- iv. Empty or unoccupied premises, or premises which do; or
- v. For connection to the public mains water supply; or

Premises which do not meet the Tolerable Standard except where it is not met in relation to an adequate piped supply of wholesome water.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for a grant please complete an application form. Forms are available from your area office or can be downloaded from the councils website.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Once you have made your application then an officer will contact you. Depending on the type of supply you are on they may need to visit you to carry out a risk assessment of your supply. If you are served by a high risk supply then this may already have been carried out.

Once a risk assessment has been carried out

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