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Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Grant under the National Inspection Plan) Regulations 2023

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- Work must NOT start before the local authority or its representative's visit. If work has started before that date, your application will not be considered.
- The grant scheme is administered by local authorities. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Rural Water Liaison Officer in the local authority.
- All forms to be used can be obtained from the local authority, who will provide assistance with completing them if required.
- In respect of an applicant receiving grants, subsidies or similar type payments from a Government Department or Public Authority that have a total value of more than €10,000 during the year, you will need an e-Tax Clearance certificate.
- The local authority reserves the right to make any necessary enquiries to verify information or for clarification of supporting documents provided with a grant application. An application that includes false or misleading information or documents will not be approved for a grant.

1 Purpose of Grant

This grant is available to assist with the costs of works for the remediation, repair, upgrade, or replacement of a domestic waste water treatment system (DWWTS) serving a house. The works must arise directly from an inspection carried out under the National Inspection Plan, and the subsequent issue of an Advisory Notice to the householder by the local authority. Part 4A of the Water Services Act 2007 (as inserted under the Water Services (Amendment) Act 2012) refers.

All works must be in accordance with the EPA 2021 Code of Practice for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems¹.

Important: Costs incurred for the routine maintenance, servicing or de-sludging of a DWWTS do not qualify for a grant.

2 Level of Grant

The level of grant available is 85% of the approved cost of the works, subject to a maximum of €12,000. There is no minimum value in respect of costs.

3 Eligibility

In order to qualify for the grant, the house served by the DWWTS must, in the opinion of the local authority:

- a) be occupied by the applicant as their primary place of residence (e.g. not a holiday home),
- b) not be connected to a public sewerage scheme,
- c) not be currently under construction or constructed within the last 7 years,
- d) not have been paid a grant for the DWWTS within the last 7 years, and
- e) have all works completed satisfactorily in accordance with the Advisory Notice.

Planning Permission

Planning Exemptions may apply under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for an existing DWWTS, where the works are for the purpose of maintaining or improving the system.

¹ <https://www.epa.ie/publications/compliance--enforcement/waste-water/2021-code-of-practice-for-domestic-waste-water-treatment-systems.php>

In addition there is a specific exemption under the **Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 219 of 2013)** for the carrying out of development consisting of remedial works, in compliance with an advisory notice issued under section 70H(5) of the Water Services Act 2007 as amended.

However, where there is any uncertainty as to what, in a particular case, is considered to be development or exempted development within the meaning of the above Act, an applicant should check with their planning authority (local authority) under Section 5 of the Act.

4 Approved Cost

For the purposes of this grant scheme, approved cost means the lesser of:

- the actual cost of the works for the remediation, repair, upgrade, or replacement of a DWWTS (including site assessment if required),
or
- the costs assessed by the local authority to be the reasonable costs of carrying out the works.

5 Tax Clearance Requirements

The current tax clearance status of the contractor(s) and the applicant (when required), must be confirmed to the satisfaction of the local authority.

In respect of each contractor, the applicant should include with their application form:

- the Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) and Tax Reference Number issued to the contractor by the Revenue Commissioners;
or
- an up to date Revenue On-Line Service (ROS) printout of an eTax Clearance Certificate provided by the contractor.

Where the tax clearance status of the contractor cannot be established at the time the grant application is being assessed, the local authority must refuse the application for grant assistance.

In respect of an applicant receiving grants, subsidies or similar type payments from a government department or public authority that have a total value of more than €10,000 during the year, you will need a Tax Clearance Certificate.

This can be applied for using Revenue's online service at www.revenue.ie. The applicant can contact Revenue on 1890 306 706, in the event that they do not have access to the internet, and ask for a "TC1" application form to be posted to their address.

6 Submitting Grant Payment Claims

When the works are completed, an applicant submits a grant payment claim on Form DWWTS NIP (a) directly to the local authority. This must be done within six months of the completion of the works. The grant payment claim form must be accompanied by an itemised list of associated costs of the works carried out and all receipts from each contractor engaged.

7 Processing Grant Payment Claims

The following procedures will apply to processing grant payment claims:

- (a) The local authority verifies that the claim is valid and that all necessary documentation is included.
- (b) The local authority or its representative will check that the scope of works is completed in accordance with the Advisory Notice and that all other eligibility criteria have been met.
- (c) The local authority notifies the applicant in writing of the decision that the application is successful and payment is issued.

(d) Where payment of the grant is refused or part-refused, the local authority notifies the applicant in writing of the decision, clearly setting out the details of the reason for the refusal and advising the applicant of their right to appeal.

8 Appeals Process

Local authorities will give an applicant the right to appeal if they are dissatisfied with the decision made.

When an applicant wishes to appeal a local authority decision to refuse payment or part-payment of a grant, the following procedure will apply:

1. The appeal must be made in writing (can be via email) to the local authority, within three weeks of the date of the decision letter to the applicant and clearly set out the reasons for the appeal.
2. A decision on the appeal will be made within four weeks by an officer in the local authority who did not deal with the original application.
3. The appeal decision will be sent in writing within five working days of the decision.

9 Appendices

9.1 FORM DWWTS NIP (a) Grant Payment Claim Form

GRANT PAYMENT CLAIM FORM

Works for the remediation, repair, upgrade or replacement of a Domestic Waste Water Treatment System (DWWTS), related to an inspection under the National Inspection Plan.

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1. Details of the Applicant	
Name of applicant (in block capitals):	
Address (location of DWWTS):	
EIRCODE (required):	
Telephone no.:	
E-mail address:	
E-Tax clearance printout	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
In the last 12 mths, have you received a grant from any public body? If yes, please provide details:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> € <ul style="list-style-type: none">• amount:• date paid:

2. Details of the DWWTS	
Date inspection carried out:	
Advisory Notice reference number:	
Date of local authority Notice of Compliance:	
3. Previous Payments	
Was any grant paid in respect of this property in the last 7 years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide details:	€
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amount: • date paid: 	
4. General description and cost of works carried out (Itemised receipt(s) must be provided when the works are completed):	
<p style="text-align: center;">SAMPLE</p>	
5. Details of Contractor(s) (e-Tax Clearance printout for each contractor <u>must</u> be provided)	
Contractor 1	Contractor 2 (if applicable)
Contractor name:	Contractor name:
Contractor address:	Contractor address:
EIRCODE:	EIRCODE:
6. Declaration	
I declare that the information provided by me on this grant payment claim form is correct and I understand that the provision of any false or misleading information or invalid supporting documents may result in this claim being cancelled	
Signature of claimant: _____	
Date: _____	

9.2 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Grant NIP Application Process Flow Chart



