

# Building application fees

Development Services - information sheet 10A

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Property owners (or their agent) are required to submit building plans (including those for renovations or extensions), together with a prescribed fee, to the Corporation for examination. This is to ensure that the proposed structure is not located over, or adjacent to any of the Corporation's water or sewerage mains. For further information regarding Water Corporation building approvals refer to [building authorisation information sheet](#).

## Legislative base

- *Section 148 Metropolitan Water Supply Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909*
- *Section 43A Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947*
- *Section 41A Country Towns Sewerage Act 1948*
- *Metropolitan Water Authority (Miscellaneous) By-laws 1982*
- *Country Areas Water Supply By-laws 1957*
- *Country Towns Sewerage By-laws 1952*

Application fees are assessed on the cost of the development.

When determining the application fee applicable to a particular development consideration should be given as to the future use of the land.

For example, if a residence was to be erected on a lot the service would be given free as the lot becomes rateable. However, if the residence were for the exclusive use of a government agency, then the full cost of the service is required as that property would be classified as exempt from charges.

The fee is intended to be a contribution towards the administrative costs associated with processing and following up of applications.

Administrative costs include:

- Following up completion dates for the development or renovation;
- Obtaining amended valuations from the Valuer General's Office;
- Amending the Corporation's billing records; and
- Where appropriate issuing interim service charges accounts.

### Note:

- 1) Plumbing connection fees are only charged upon the first connection at a property. If there is an existing connection at the property no fee is charged for an addition. The charges are incurred to cover the administrative cost.
- 2) Application fees for non-residential country developments are calculated at rates that take into consideration the higher cost of building in country locations.