

Scheme of Charges setting out Default tariffs applicable to non-household customers in the Portsmouth Water supply area

1. Introduction

This Scheme of Charges sets out the Default Charges applicable to Non-Household water customers in the Portsmouth Water area from 1 April 2021. This Scheme of Charges is published by Castle Water Limited pursuant to the transfer of the rights and responsibilities of Portsmouth Water to provide retail services to Non-Household Customers to Castle Water as of 1 April 2017, as approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs on 6 December 2016. Castle Water is licensed by Ofwat as a retailer of water and sewerage services in England. Portsmouth Water's powers to charge for water supplies are contained in the Water Industry Acts. Charges are set in accordance with revenue control limits determined by Ofwat. Wholesale charges are published on Portsmouth Water's website annually, normally in January each year. Tariffs will take effect on 1st of July each year.

2. Schedule of Default tariffs and general charges

2.1 Primary non-household tariffs

Unmetered water supplies	1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
Standing charge	£30.32	£28.69
Rateable value charge (pence/£rv)	£0.5640	£0.3912
Licence charge	£111.68	£101.22
Minimum charge	£79.98	£80.14

Metered water supplies		1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
Less than 500 m3 per year	Volume charge £ per m3	£0.7363	£0.7646
More than 500 m3 and less than 10,000 m3 per year	Volume charge £ per m3	£0.7765	£0.8064
	Site Fee (£)	n/a	
10,000 - 50,000 m3 per year	Volume charge £ per m3	£0.7538	£0.7826
	Site Fee (£)	£332.86	£238.64
More than 50,000 m3 per year	Volume charge £ per m3	£0.6545	£0.6668
	Site Fee (£)	£5,669.40	£5,787.88

Less than 10,000 m3 per year

Metered water supplies		1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
Size of meter			
15mm (0.5 inches)		£31.40	£30.58
20mm (0.75 inches)		£35.65	£34.67
25mm (1.00 inches)		£68.54	£73.74
40mm (1.50 inches)		£150.12	£161.52
50mm (2.00 inches)		£191.16	£205.69
80mm (3.00 inches)		£282.87	£304.39
100mm (4.00 inches)		£719.54	£774.24
150mm (6.00 inches)		£1,603.77	£1,724.70
200mm (8.00 inches)		£2,655.33	£2,859.56
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10,000 – 50,000 m3 per year

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**VAT applicable to hire charge and consumption which is an industrial supply.*

More than 50,000 m3 per year

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2.1 Non- Primary Charges (exclusive of VAT)

Castle Water may charge a reasonable administration cost in connection with services provided by Portsmouth Water or procured for customers by Portsmouth Water, where there is no specified retail charge. Charges will be made at the higher rate of 3.5% or an hourly rate of £78.75.

Castle Water may charge a failed direct debit charge of £45.94 if there is any failure in any direct debit payment (other than as a result of the act or omission of Castle Water).

Castle Water may charge:

- A debt collection charge of £26.25 in respect of any invoice where Castle Water passes the account to an external debt collection agency for collection activity (other than activity involving visits to the relevant premises);
- A visit charge of £157.50 in respect of any invoice where Castle Water arrange a visit to the relevant premises for collection and/or disconnection activity through either Castle Water staff or any sub-contractor of Castle Water; and
- a recoveries charge of £130 in respect of any overdue invoice where Castle Water has undertaken legal action to recover such sums.

These charges are in addition to:

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- charges in connection with disconnection as set out in the Portsmouth Water Wholesale Tariff document; and
- third party costs incurred by Castle Water in connection with debt recovery action including without limitation court fees and the costs of instructing solicitors to pursue outstanding invoices.

Castle Water may charge a meter reading charge of £5.25 for any meter reads requested by a customer in addition to the minimum number of meter reads required to be undertaken by Castle Water under the market codes. Where the Customer requests a specific appointment for the reading of meters, there will be an additional charge for such appointment of an amount to be notified to the customer by Castle Water.

Castle Water may charge an additional invoice charge of £2.63 for each copy invoice issued to a customer by post.

Castle Water may charge a replacement invoice charge of £26.25 where:

- a customer has switched to another retailer and Castle Water has issued a final invoice based on estimated readings due to the failure of the incoming retailer to provide a meter read for the transfer date within 7 days of the date on which the customer has transferred to a new retailer;

and

- the customer subsequently requests a replacement invoice based on an actual meter read on the transfer date rather than the previous estimated read.

3. Emergency Tariff

Where charges cannot be calculated in line with the Wholesale tariff determined by the Wholesaler for the customer, (for example due to a dispute over Wholesale parameters in the Market Data Set, a broken meter), the Retailer may, at its discretion, charge for water and sewerage services on the Emergency Tariff. This charges customers in line with typical Business Assessed prices. Where this tariff is used, a reconciliation can be undertaken when it is subsequently replaced by another tariff, with any refund paid to the customer, or further charges payable by the customer.

Where previous annual charges are lower than the Emergency Tariff, charges shall be calculated on the relevant fixed charges for that supply, and not on the Emergency Tariff.

Infrastructure charges	Charge
Water	£ 262.50

Standposts

Size	Weekly Charge*	Consumption charge
25 mm (1.00 inch)	£67.00	Based upon the usage of water at the standard volumetric rate
	£88.50	

Meter installation on an existing service – B1

External installation survey	POA
Standard meter installation 32mm	POA
Standard meter installation 25mm	POA
Cost of all other installations	POA
Internal installation survey	POA
Cost of internal installation	POA

Meter accuracy – B3

Non-household meters up to 50mm (2.00 inches)	£139
Non-household meters greater than 50mm (2.00 inches) or external verification	POA

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Changing meters at licensed retailer request – B7*

Survey	£131
All other actions, upsizing or downsizing	POA

Verification of meters – C1*

Verification of meter details	£131
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Visits by the Wholesaler to the eligible premises – F3*

Visits by the Wholesaler to eligible premises not covered by other processes	£131
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Disconnections

Survey for disconnection	£99.50
Standard temporary disconnection for non-payment – I1	£194
Standard permanent disconnection for non-payment – I1	POA
Non-standard temporary disconnection requested by non-household customer – I5*	POA
Non-standard permanent disconnection requested by non-household customer – I5	POA
Gaining entry to eligible premises – I7	POA

Reconnections

Reconnection requested by the retailer (in normal working hours) – I8*	£99.50
Reconnection requested by retailer (emergency/out of hours) – I8	£257
Reconnection performed by Wholesaler (in normal working hours) – I11*	£99.50
Reconnection performed by Wholesaler (emergency/out of hours) – I11	£257
All non-standard reconnections	POA

**Charges will be based on the actual time spent doing the requested work.*

Charging policies

Basis for calculating Primary Wholesale Charges

The underlying principle used for deriving the Primary Wholesale Tariffs is that the wholesale tariff for each customer segment should be reflective of the average cost of providing wholesale water.

For the purposes of tariff setting wholesale activities are defined to cover the activities and overheads associated with water resources and abstraction of water, raw water distribution, water treatment, treated water distribution and scientific services.

Development of the tariffs followed two key steps:

- Identification of the wholesale cost base, separated by functional activity;
- Allocation of those wholesale costs to distinct customer classes/ segments.

To identify the unit cost to serve for each customer segment, cost allocation rules were developed applying variants of the relative output method, which is considered best practice within Fully Distributed Cost (FDC) methodologies.

Basis for calculating Primary Wholesale Charges

Services which the wholesaler may charge for are determined in the Wholesale - Retail Code. Charges are established in relation to the average cost of supplying the service.

The activities are listed in our section Open Water Activities and the charges are shown in the tariff section of this document.

Where Non-primary charges reflect the cost of labour, an hourly rate is quoted. Charges will be based on the actual time spent doing the requested work.

Value Added Tax

All charges contained in this Charges Scheme are exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT).

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VAT is payable for customers falling within Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes "1-5. The Retailer will inform Portsmouth Water of their Standard Industrial Classification.

All charges for ancillary services the Wholesaler provide will be subject to VAT at the appropriate rate.

Measured charges

Where the occupier of a non-household property at which a meter has been installed is liable to pay water charges, measured charges will apply unless there is an agreement between Portsmouth Water and the Retailer of that property to pay a different tariff.

Unmeasured charges

Where the occupier of a property is liable to pay water and a meter has not been installed at the property, unmeasured charges, set out in this charges scheme will apply.

Unmeasured charges will continue to apply until such time as either:

The occupier of the non-household property chooses to have a meter installed.

Unmeasured charges will continue to apply and be payable up to the date the meter is installed; or

Portsmouth Water determines that water is being used, or is to be used, for one or more of the non-domestic purposes which would entitle Portsmouth Water to require the water supply to be metered under Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Again, unmeasured charges will continue to apply and be payable up to the date the meter is installed.

Unoccupied properties

Where a Retailer identifies a site that believes is unoccupied but is currently being charged or is occupied but currently not charged, they should advise Portsmouth Water through market transactions.

Leakage

The non-household customer is liable for the cost of all water registered on the meter. No allowance is made in respect of leakage from customers' pipework except for mixed use premises.

Non-household customers must discuss this issue with their Retailer, who will progress with Portsmouth Water as appropriate.

Water meter installation

Customers receiving an unmeasured water supply may wish to be charged for water supplied to their premises by meter. If their premises are served by a separate service pipe and the plumbing installations comply with Water Regulations, they may elect to have a meter installed, subject to the completion of certain formalities.

Where a shared supply exists, Portsmouth Water can quote to enable a separate supply and meter to be fitted.

The meter will be positioned in Portsmouth Water's preferred location at the property boundary, although consideration may be given to alternative locations provided that provision is made for unrestricted access to read the meter.

A meter, where installed, remains the property of Portsmouth Water.

For a non-household premise, the Retailer must pay the cost of installation of the meter and once the water charges have become measured charges, they will remain so irrespective of any change of use of the premises or of the purpose for which the water is used. Installation will be carried out in accordance with the Open Water SLA.

Firefighting

No water charges are levied for water used for firefighting, fire training or firefighting systems such as sprinklers, including the replenishment of storage tanks, hydrants and testing. Portsmouth Water will usually install a separate connection to the water mains for these systems.

Charges for the provision and maintenance of fire hydrants is set out in Portsmouth Water's Non- primary Charges.

Guaranteed standards

Castle Water operates the Guaranteed Standards as published by Ofwat.

Replacement of lead service pipes

It is not Portsmouth Water's policy to make a contribution towards lead service pipe replacement for non-household properties

Damage to apparatus

Damage is charged back to the third party on a fully rechargeable basis.

Water (fittings) regulations inspections

Periodic industrial inspections are carried out free of charge.

Site inspections

Planned regulation compliance inspections are free of charge.

Standpipes

Portsmouth Water will provide stand posts/standpipes as set out in Portsmouth Water Non-primary Charges.

Third party logging of meters

In principal Portsmouth Water has no objection to third party logging of its revenue meters as long as the installation is undertaken by Portsmouth Water where the meter seals and index are to be removed.

Portsmouth Water requires the completion of an application form which is available on Portsmouth Water web portal.

Accredited Entities

Portsmouth Water will allow Accredited Entities (AE) to undertake work in accordance with the Wholesale - Retail Code Part 3 Operational Terms.

Accredited Entities will have undertaken an assessment of competence and been awarded an accreditation certificate from a Water Industry Regulated Provider.

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Confirmation to the requesting licenced Retailer of approval to proceed to carry out the specified work will be provided within the SLA of each of the processes within the Wholesale - Retail Code.

Charges for other activities

- Meter installation
- Meter accuracy
- Repair or replacement of fault meter
- Retailer request to change size, model or location of meter
- Retailer request for Wholesaler to carry out Meter Read for a Non-Market Meter pending transfer or allocation of a supply point
- Verification of meter details or meter supply arrangements
- Disconnection requested by the Retailer and performed by the Wholesaler in relation to Non-Household Customer non-payment
- Disconnection performed by the Wholesaler for illegal use
- Disconnection performed by the Wholesaler for breach of Water Fittings Regulations
- Gaining entry to an Eligible Premises for the purposes of Disconnection using the Wholesaler's powers of entry at Retailer request
- Reconnection requested by the Retailer and performed by the Wholesaler
- Reconnection performed by the Wholesaler following rectification of a breach of Water Fittings Regulations
- Reconnection performed by the Wholesaler following a Disconnection requested by the Non-Household Customer

Customer information

Map of company area

