

# Application to Renew/Amend/Surrender a Licence to Take and Use Groundwater and Operate Works



## What is this application form for?

Use this form to make application for a licence to take and use groundwater and to operate works.

- This application combines the requirements for renewal, amendment and surrender of:
- A Licence to Take and Use Water (Section 58 Water Act 1989)
- A Licence to Operate Works (Section 72 *Water Act 1989*)
- A Surrender of a Licence to Take and Use Water and Licence to Operate Works (Section 61 Water Act 1989)
- An amendment to an Licence to Take and Use Water and Licence to Operate Works (sections 59A *Water Act 1989*)

And if required:

- Application to surrender a Licence to Take and Use Water (Section 61 Water Act 1989)

## What to do:

- Read the accompanying explanatory notes and refer to the current fee schedule (which can be obtained by calling 1800 013 357 or downloaded from [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au)) before you fill out the form.
- Complete the form in full ensuring all relevant information is provided.
- Complete the checklist. Incorrect information may result in your application being refused.  
**Your application will be returned if it is ineligible or incomplete.**
- Send the form, any required documentation and the application fee to: Goulburn-Murray Water, PO Box 165, TATURA, VIC 3616.
- Goulburn-Murray Water accepts payment by cheque or credit card.

## Application Check list

Please tick or n/a	Applicants Name: .....
	The Application has been completed, signed by <b>ALL</b> persons listed on the land title/s, and is attached.
	<p>A copy of the current Company Extract produced within the last twelve months if applicant is a Company.</p> <p>The Corporation can obtain a Company Extract on your behalf, please tick the box which is applicable:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please complete the number of searches required: I require ..... (search/es) at a cost of \$30.00 per search</p>
	If the bore/s are located on land that is NOT in the applicant's ownership, written consent from the land owner is attached (proforma)
	<p><b>Payment of application fees attached including:</b></p> <p><b>Mandatory Fees</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Application Fee's: \$.....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Renewal of Licence - \$690.00</li> <li>2. Surrender of Licence - No Fee</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Fees</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Company Search (No of searches.....) @ \$30.00 per search \$.....</p> <p><b>TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:</b> \$.....</p> <p>Payment by cheque or credit card is accepted (A credit card payment authority is attached to this application form)</p>

## 1. DETAILS OF CURRENT LICENCE

I/ we wish to renew/amend Licence No: ..... BEE reference if known: .....  
for a further term.

Entitlement Volume: .....megalitres

OR

I/ we wish to surrender Licence No: ..... BEE reference if known: BEE.....

Will the bore be retained for Domestic and Stock use?  Yes  No

## 2. APPLICANTS DETAILS

*Please list full names, initials are not acceptable – if more than 3 licensees please note in the space provided*

Applicant No 1: (Individual or company name).....

Applicant No 2: (Individual or company name).....

Additional applicants: .....

Postal Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Telephone number: ( ) ..... Mobile number: .....

Fax Number: ..... Email: .....

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF LAND INCLUDING:

### 1) Land on which the bore/s are located

### 2) Land where water is used

Property address: .....

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Parish .....

**Note: If additional lands are required please attach a separate list to this application.**

**If there are any land parcels to be removed from the groundwater licence, refer to and complete question 4.**

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF LAND TO BE REMOVED

Do you wish to remove any land parcels from the Groundwater Licence?  Yes  No

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#### 5. CURRENT USE/S OR WATER

- Irrigation (area to be irrigated .....(ha)  Domestic and/or Stock
- Commercial or Industrial  Dairy Wash/Cooling
- Urban Supply  De-Watering (salinity, excavation etc)
- Communal Domestic and/or Stock (number of residences.....)

#### 6. DECLARATION OF APPLICANTS

I confirm that the information supplied in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that it is an offence to supply false or misleading information.

I acknowledge that Goulburn-Murray Water may release information contained in this application, at the discretion of GMW to relevant parties and organisations in accordance with relevant legislation. I approve Goulburn-Murray Water to have discussions with relevant third parties such as the Irrigation Designer, Engineers and Contractors as necessary.

**Please note:** If the applicant is a company two directors must sign the application, alternatively one director and one secretary unless the company only has one sole director and secretary.

**Signature of applicant 1** ..... Date: .....

Printed name: .....

**Signature of applicant 2** ..... Date: .....

Printed name: .....

#### Additional applicants:

**Signature(s)** ..... Date: .....

Printed name: .....

If the name of the applicant is a Company name please provide the following details:

ACN No: ..... Position (eg director): .....

**Please refer to the application notes for information about who should sign this application.**

#### Protecting your privacy

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) protects your privacy by collecting and handling your personal information in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014*. Your personal information is collected on this form and will be used for the purpose of administering this application and updating our records. Information collected is usually disclosed to staff involved in processing your application, contractors, connection staff and other relevant GMW staff. Failure to provide the information sought may result in processing delays or non acceptance of your application. It may also limit our ability to be able to provide various programs or services. You may gain access to and correct your personal information. For further information please refer to our Privacy Policy at [www.g-mwater.com.au](http://www.g-mwater.com.au) or call 1800 013 357 to obtain a copy of this policy.

## Assistance with completing the application form

This application form is required to make application to renew/surrender a licence.

### How do I get more information or assistance with completing this form?

Read the information included below, and if you need further assistance contact the Licensing Unit between 8.00am and 4.45pm Monday to Friday

Telephone: 1800 013 357

Facsimile: (03) 5826 3334

Email: [licensingadmin@gmwater.com.au](mailto:licensingadmin@gmwater.com.au)

<p><b>Question 1</b> <b>Details of current licence</b></p>	<p>Please list the licence which is to be renewed or surrendered. This number can be found on your current licence document or on your annual account issued by GMW (shown as the Property number). If you are not sure of the licence number please contact the Licensing Unit.</p> <p>If this application is to surrender your licence please list the licence number you wish to cancel and indicate whether you intend to retain the bore for domestic and stock use.</p>
<p><b>Question 2</b> <b>Applicant/s details</b></p>	<p>All person/s listed on licence must complete and the application. If the applicant is a company, evidence must be provided that the person/s has authority to act on behalf of the company.</p>
<p><b>Question 3</b> <b>Description of land on which the bore/s are located and water is to be taken and used</b></p>	<p>The current ownership of this land must also be verified. To ensure this information is accurate GMW requires you to list the most current land parcel description available. If the bore/s are located on land that is not in the applicant's ownership, written consent from the landowner also is required. Please complete Annexure 1 – Consent of Landowner.</p>
<p><b>Question 4</b> <b>Description of land to be removed</b></p>	<p>Applicants to provide details of land/s which will be removed from the licence. This may be due to the land/s no longer being irrigated, or if the land/s are no longer owned by the applicant.</p>
<p><b>Question 5</b> <b>Current use/s of water</b></p>	<p>Applicants must provide details about the current use of water. If this is different to what is specified in the current licence, an application to amend the licence may be required. Please contact the Licensing Unit for assistance. If your application is to surrender the licence and you will be retaining the bore for domestic and stock purposes please tick this box, otherwise leave blank.</p>
<p><b>Question 6</b> <b>Declaration of Applicant/s</b></p>	<p>You can obtain a registered search statement (see attached example of the correct search) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessing the Land Titles office via the internet at <a href="http://www.landata.vic.gov.au">www.landata.vic.gov.au</a> or phone (03) 8636 2456</li> <li>• Requesting that GMW complete the searches on your behalf. (fees apply)</li> <li>• Contacting your solicitor or legal advisor to conduct the search on your behalf (fees may apply)</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>If the applicant is a company, evidence must be provided that the person/s signing the application has authority to sign on behalf of the Company. This must be in the form of a current copy of an ASIC Company Search listing all directors and/or office bearers which is not more than three months old. Please note two directors or one director and one secretary must sign the form.</p> <p><b>How can I get a copy of my Company Search?</b> You can obtain a company search statement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Accessing the internet service at <a href="http://www.asic.gov.au">www.asic.gov.au</a> or phone (03) 5177 3988</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requesting that GMW complete the searches on your behalf.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contacting your solicitor or legal advisor to conduct the search on your behalf (fees may apply)</li> </ul>

## General information and explanatory notes

### **Why do I have to renew my Licence to Take and Use Groundwater and Operate Works?**

Licences to Take and Use Water and Operate Works are issued for a fixed term. Under the Provisions of Section 58 and 72 of the Water Act 1989, the holder of a licence may, before the expiry of the licence, make application to renew the licence.

### **When does my current licence expire?**

Your current licence is due to expire on 30 June 2016. If you wish to retain the right to take and use groundwater for the purpose specified in your licence after that date you must make application to renew the licence prior to the expiry date. If you do not make application to renew the licence prior to the expiry date the licence will lapse and after a period of three months, GMW will begin the process to formally cancel the licence.

### **Can I continue to use water once the licence has expired?**

If you have lodged an application to renew the licence prior to the expiry date you may continue to take and use water in accordance with the conditions of the expired licence. If you have not made application to renew the licence prior to the expiry date you are not authorised to take and use water.

### **How long is a licence valid for?**

Licences issued by GMW are generally valid for 15 years, but in some areas, licences are issued for 5 years. GMW will notify licensees six months prior to the expiry date to request the submission of an application to renew the licence.

### **Is approval of the application automatic?**

Approval of an application to renew a licence is not automatic and is subject to an assessment by GMW. Under some circumstances an application to renew may not be approved. Affected applicants will be notified.

### **What happens after I lodge my application?**

After you lodge your application GMW will notify you in writing that it has been received. The timeframe to complete an assessment will vary depending on the nature of your application. When the decision has been made to your application you will be notified in writing of the outcome, either that the application has been approved or refused. Application fees are not refundable if an application is refused.

### **What if I no longer need a licence – do I need to cancel it?**

If you no longer have a requirement to take and use water from the bore/s for any other purpose than domestic and stock supply you can cancel the licence by completing and lodging this form. There is no fee for surrender of a licence. Any outstanding charges must be paid before a licence can be cancelled and licensees continue to be liable for fees and charges until the application to cancel the licence is received by GMW.

### **Are there ongoing costs associated with having a licence?**

Yes, a Licence to Take and Use Water is subject to annual fixed charges, issued by GMW in July each year. For specific details about which charges will apply to your licence, please contact the Licensing Unit.

### **What does the application fee cover?**

Application fees cover the full cost of undertaking a licence assessment in accordance with GMW's obligations under the *Water Act 1989*. This includes administering the application and undertaking a full site inspection.

If your application is approved the new expiry date will be recorded in the Victorian Water Register and you will receive a copy of the new licence document.

# ANNEXURE 1

## PROFORMA FOR CONSENT OF LAND OWNER

Applicants must provide consent from land owners if an application for a licence includes land owned by a party other than the proposed licensee/s.

I / We (print names): .....

Of (Postal Address): .....

being the legal owners of the land known as:

Property address: .....

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Parish: .....

Authorise: .....

please include names of all Licence Holder(s)

of (Postal Address):.....

to access this land for the purpose of operating works (bore/s) and extracting/using groundwater.

Indicate Licence No: (if known).....

Signature(s) of all land owners.....

Print Name(s) .....

Date: .....

\*if land title(s) are in the name of a company or other legal entity, an authorised officer (eg Director) must sign and provide evidence of this authorisation (ie Company extract).



## Credit Card Payment Authority

Applicant/company name:

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Payment for: **Application Renew/Amend/Surrender of a Licence to Take And Use Groundwater and Operate Works**

### CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Please tick (✓) appropriate card:

#### CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

MasterCard       Visa

Card Number

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