

Application for Permanent Transfer (all or part) of a Licence to Take and Use Groundwater

GOULBURN-MURRAY
WATER



What is this application form for?

Use this form to make application to transfer all or part of a Licence to Take and Use Water and to Operate Works.

This application combines the requirements for permanently transferring entitlement or surrender of:

- A Licence to Take & Use Water permanently (Section 62 Water Act 1989)
- A Surrender of a Licence to Take and Use Water and Licence to Operate Works (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) before you complete the form.
- Visit www.g-mwater.com.au or contact GMW to access information about permanent transfer rules in your area.
- 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.

Part 1 – Sellers Licence Information

1. LICENCE DETAILS

Groundwater Licence No: BEE number if Known: BEE

2. AGENTS DETAILS (Broker or Solicitor)

Contact person:

Postal Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone number: () Mobile number:

Fax Number: Email:

3. APPLICANTS DETAILS – SELLER/S

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:

4. VOLUME TO BE TRANSFERRED BY SELLER (mandatory)

Sellers Licence volume.....ML Volume to be transferred:ML

Total monetary Consideration (\$)

(EG. If 10 ML is being transferred at \$200.00per ML the total monetary consideration is \$2,000.00

Do you have works in place? (please circle) Yes No

Have you used water in the current irrigation season? (please circle) Yes No

Bore No:..... Sellers Meter Reading: (time of transfer)

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Meter Reading Date:

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

5. DECLARATION OF APPLICANTS – SELLER/S

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.

Please note: If the applicant is a company two directors must sign the form, alternatively one director and one secretary must sign, unless there is a sole director of the company.

Signature of applicant 1 Date:

Printed name:

Signature of applicant 2 Date:

Printed name:

Additional applicants:

Signature(s)..... Date:

Printed name: Date:

Printed name: Date:

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 or call 1800 013 357 to obtain a copy of this policy.

Part 2 – Buyers Licence Information

6. APPLICANTS DETAILS – BUYER/S

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:

7. LICENCE DETAILS WHERE THE WATER IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO (Buyer)

Buyers Licence No: BEE number if Known: BEE:

Buyers existing licence volume:ML

Note: Applications in the Loddon Highlands WSPA, Lower Campaspe Valley WSPA and Mid-Loddon GMA are subject to consideration of intensity of surrounding licence entitlement under the respective management rules. Applicants are encouraged to contact GMW prior to submitting application to determine the potential impact of these rules.

8. VOLUME TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BUYER

Volume to be transferred:ML Proposed new adjusted licence volume:ML
(=current volume + purchased volume)

9. PROPOSED USE OF GROUNDWATER

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

10. DESCRIPTION OF LAND ON WHICH THE BUYERS BORE/S ARE LOCATED AND WATER IS TO BE USED

Property address:

Vol:Fol:Lot No:Plan No:Crown Allotment:Section:.....

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Parish

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General information and explanatory notes (retain for future reference)

What are the benefits of transferring a Licence to Take and Use Groundwater?

Transferring groundwater entitlement provides existing licensed groundwater users with the opportunity to maximise the value of their licence by selling their unused entitlement, and provides other groundwater users with the ability to purchase additional entitlement in areas where new entitlement is not available.

What are the rules relating to the permanent transfer of a licence?

Rules have been established to allow the permanent transfer of groundwater entitlement while also ensuring groundwater resources are managed in a sustainable manner.

Groundwater management plans or local management rules apply in areas where Water Supply Protection Areas and Groundwater Management Areas have been established because groundwater has been, or has the potential to be, intensively developed. You are urged to contact GMW prior to making an application to ensure you have a full understanding of the conditions which apply to the permanent transfer of licence entitlement in your area. For information and maps, please refer to the GMW website at www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/ground-water.

How do I know which trading zone and trading rules apply to my licence?

Your licence document lists the trading zone applicable to your licence. A copy of your licence can be obtained by contacting the Licensing Unit (fees apply). Information relating to trading rules applicable to your licence is available from the gmw website at www.g-mwater.com.au/water-resources/ground-water/gwpermfactsheets. If you cannot access the internet please contact the Licensing Unit to request a copy of the relevant Fact Sheets by mail or fax.

Where can I get more information about trading opportunities and current prices in my area?

You should visit the GMW website to obtain information about trading rules and restrictions applicable to your licence before proceeding to locate a buyer or seller for your licence volume. If you are still unsure about the rules you should contact the Licensing Unit to discuss your proposal.

GMW cannot provide you with information on the current market value of water; however you if you decide to proceed with a transfer, information about market activity and pricing can be obtained from your local water broker. Details of brokers in your area can be located in the Yellow Pages or through advertisements in your local newspaper.

How does GMW assess an application?

When assessing an application for the permanent transfer of a licence GMW must consider any impacts on existing authorised users of groundwater and the environment. If this assessment indicates that there is a significant risk of impacting other users or the environment additional information will be required from the applicant. GMW may require that technical investigations, hydrogeological assessments and/or pumping tests are undertaken to demonstrate that the proposal will not adversely impact upon existing authorised groundwater users and the environment. Completion of this work, if applicable, will be required before the transfer of groundwater entitlement is considered. Please note that the costs of any technical work are paid by the applicant. If you are required to undertake such work you will be notified by GMW.

What happens when 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. There may be delays if you are required to engage a consultant to conduct a technical assessment in support of your application. If delays are expected you will be notified by GMW. When the decision has been made to your application you will 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.

Do I need to meet the new Irrigation Development Guideline requirements?

If the licence being transferred will be used for irrigation an Irrigation Development Guideline Assessment will be required if you intend to:

- irrigate land that has never been irrigated before,
- increase the annual use limit on the land in the current licence, or,
- increase the area allowed to be irrigated in the current licence.

You will be contacted if the Irrigation Development Guidelines apply to you.

What volume of water is available to the buyer when a permanent transfer is approved?

The permanent transfer of a licence to take and use water includes:

- (a) Transfer of the licence entitlement for the requested volume from the sellers to the buyer's existing or new licence; and
- (b) transfer of the licence entitlement volume adjusted to reflect any restrictions on the available percentage of licence volume at the time of the approval of the transfer.

Where restrictions have been set (eg. where less than 100% of licence volume is made available in a given season) the licence volume that will be available for the purchaser to use upon approval of the transfer will be adjusted to reflect the available percentage of licence volume at the time of the transfer.

For example if a seller permanently transfers 50ML of their licence where the allocation volume is limited to 50%, the purchaser will receive a 50ML licence with 25ML available for use in the first year.

Do I have to advertise my application in the newspaper or notify my neighbours (buyer only)?

After you lodge your application, GMW will notify you in writing if you are required to advertise and/or notify your neighbours. GMW will send out the proforma for advertising and notification to neighbours, this will include a reference number which relates to your application. If the volume sought in the application is greater than 20ML you will be required to advertise and notify neighbours, if the volume is 19ML or less, only notification of neighbours will apply.

When can the buyer take and use water under the licence?

The buyer can take and use water upon written confirmation from GMW that the transfer has been approved. Use may be restricted from time to time in accordance with the conditions of the licence.

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.

Assistance with completing the application form

How can 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 (free call from most fixed line phones)

Facsimile: (03) 5826 3334

Email: licensingadmin@g-mwater.com.au

Part 1 – Sellers Licence Information

Question 1 – Licence Details

Please provide the licence number for the licence to be transferred. If you do not have this number please contact the Licensing Unit to obtain the reference number for your licence. GMW may require you to verify your identity prior to providing this information.

Question 2 – Agents details (eg Solicitors or Brokers)

If you have a solicitor or broker acting on you behalf, you must complete this section, the Corporation will sent your nominated agent a copy of the licence.

Question 3 – Applicant/s details (seller/s)

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.

Question 4 – Volume to be transferred to buyer

Please provide the total volume of the existing licence and the volume that is being transferred to the buyer. Please note the whole volume of the transfer must be unused for the current season. This will authorise GMW to surrender your existing licence as indicated in question 1 (licence details).

Question 5– Declaration of Applicant/s (sellers)

All person/s listed on the current licence must complete and sign the application. If any person executes the document on behalf of another person or party, they must provide evidence of their authorisation. This can be in the form of a Power of Attorney or other legal document.

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 twelve months old.

How can I get a copy of my Company Search?

You can obtain a company search statement by:

- Accessing ASIC via the internet at www.asic.gov.au or phone (03) 5177 3988
- Requesting that GMW complete the searches on your behalf.
- This service may be available from your solicitor or legal advisor.

Part 2 – Buyers Licence Information

Question 6 – Applicant/s details (buyer/s)

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Question 7 – Provide licence details where the water is to be transferred to (buyer)

Provide the buyers licence number and the existing volume of the licence in ML. If the licence is for zero ML please write 0.

Question 8 – Volume to be transferred from seller

Please indicate the volume to be transferred (must match question 4 in part 1). Also provide the new adjusted volume after the transfer. This value will be the current volume plus the purchased volume.

Question 9 – Proposed use of groundwater

Applicants must provide details about the purpose for which the water is to be used.

Question 10 – Description of land on which the groundwater will be used

New Customers applying for a New Take and Use Licence for Permanent trade

- If you do not currently hold a licence to Take and Use and Operate Works, an application for a new licence will be required prior to the approval of the transfer. The current ownership of land will be verified under the new licence application requirements therefore current copies of titles will not be required for the Permanent Trade.

Existing Customer/s who are applying for a Permanent Trade

- If you are currently a GMW customer and have an existing Groundwater Licence that you are transferring to, current copies of titles will not be required for the Permanent Trade. If the works are located on land that is not in the applicant's ownership, written consent from the landowner is also required. Please complete Annexure 3 – Consent of Landowner.

A registered title search statement for each separate title must be provided. Rates notices are not acceptable.

How can I get a copy of my land titles?

You can obtain a registered search statement for land titles by:

- Accessing the Land Titles office via the internet at www.land.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 8636 2456
- Requesting that GMW complete the searches on your behalf.
- Contacting your solicitor or legal advisor.

Question 11 - Declaration of Applicant/s (buyer/s)

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Credit Card Payment Authority

Applicant/company name:

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Payment for: **Application for a Permanent Transfer of a Licence to Take & Use Groundwater**

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Please tick (✓) appropriate card:

CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

MasterCard Visa

Card Number

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Expiry date _____

Total \$ _____

Cardholder's name

Cardholder's signature

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