

Apply for a permit to discharge treated domestic sewage effluent of up to 15 cubic metres a day into ground or up to 20 cubic metres a day onto surface water

About you

Who will be the permit holder?

An organisation or group of individuals

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Please provide details

Type of organisation (for example a charity, a partnership, a club, a group of individual householders etc.)

Joint householders

Organisation name (if relevant)

N/A

We can only issue permits to named individuals. Please provide the details below of any additional individuals that need to be named on the permit. This includes each person in a partnership. If the permit is for multiple properties it will help to apply as a management company rather than as a large number of individuals.

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Last name: Hutchinson

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Add another contact

First name: Julia

Last name: Hutchinson

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Postcode: SE6 4LX

Email address: julia.hutchinson2@btinternet.com

Telephone: 07494528825

Is somebody completing this application on your behalf?

Select

No – I'm completing this application for myself

Pre-application discussions

Did you have pre-applications discussions with Natural Resources Wales about this activity?

No

About your discharge

Where is your septic tank / sewage treatment plant located?

Address Little Dorthy, Newchurch

Powys

Postcode HR5 3QU

Please provide the 12 character national grid reference of the location of your septic tank / sewage treatment plant. This consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890).

To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website (opens in new tab)

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What type of premises does your sewage treatment facility serve?

For example, the number of houses or a description such as a pub, café, restaurant, office and so on.

One smal cottage.

When did your discharge start?

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Before 1 April 2010 (existing discharges)

What is the maximum volume of effluent you will discharge in a day (in cubic metres)?

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If your discharge comes from a single domestic property, use the table below to work this out.

Number of bedrooms in your house Daily volume (m³ per day) 1 to 3 1 4 to 6 1.5 7 to 8 2
If you are discharging sewage from premises other than a single domestic property (for example, from a group of houses, a guest house or a very large house), the volume should be worked out using the Code of Practice: 'Flows and Loads 4 – Sizing Criteria, Treatment Capacity for Small Wastewater Treatment Systems which is published by British Water. (opens in new window)

Show how you calculated the figure given in the box below or upload below:

Based on two bedrooms, according to the table above this will lead to 1m³ daily volume per day. Most likely less as it is a second home with occasional usage.

What type of sewage treatment system will you be using to treat your effluent?

All sewage effluent must be treated before it can be discharged into the environment and new systems must conform to the relevant standards For new systems the supplier or manufacturer should be able to provide details For existing systems please provide any information you do have on the system If you tick 'other' please give us more details about the system in the box provided or on a separate sheet and upload it. Tick one box to show what sewage treatment plant you will be using to treat your effluent.

Other (please specify):

The septic tank was built in 1993. We are not sure if it meets British Standard 12566 as we did not install in. It has worked fine in all that time, causing no issue above or below ground that we can tell. It drains below the cottage into a field we own. It was emptied last year (Sept 2025) and appeared in good condition with no damage or issues reported. Sharing some details of what we know and a rough plan as annex. As we did not install it we do not have the details.

Please upload details of the sewage treatment system you'll be using

- File: Dorthy Septic Tank details.docx - [Download](#)
- File: Septic Tank.png - [Download](#)

Your sample point

You must provide a sample point where a sample of your discharge can be safely taken before it has mixed with any other discharges.

This sample point is used to assess compliance with any water quality emission limits on your permit.

You must ensure that it allows a representative sample of the discharge to be obtained. You must ensure that your discharge passes through the sampling point at all times.

Please give the 12 character national grid reference for the sample point. This consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890)
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Your discharge point

Tell us where effluent is discharged into the environment.

For discharges into surface water (i.e. rivers, streams, lakes, ponds etc) - this is the location where the discharge is made from the outlet pipe to the surface water. On some occasions discharges are made via surface water sewers owned by someone else before they discharge into a receiving water. Where this is the case the outlet will be the point where the surface water sewer meets the river, stream, ditch or canal.

For discharge into or onto land - this is the location where the effluent from the treatment system enters the infiltration system.

Please give the 12 character national grid reference for the discharge point. This consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890).

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Where will your treated effluent discharge to?

Sewage effluents are usually discharged to one location in one receiving environment.

If you are proposing to discharge multiple effluents, you must complete a separate application form for each effluent and submit the form, along with the correct application fee, for assessment.

Where will your treated effluent discharge to?

Into land (drainage field)

Discharges into land (drainage field)

A drainage field is a restricted and well defined area of ground designed to allow liquid to drain into the surrounding soil. It typically includes a system of sub surface perforated pipe.

When was your drainage field installed?

Before 1 April 2010 (existing)

Discharges to ground (drainage field) before 1 April 2010

Tell us when your drainage field was installed (if you don't know the exact date it's ok to give us an approximate date, for example '1950s')

1993

Discharges into land (drainage field)

Is any part of your infiltration system within 50 metres of a well, spring or borehole?

Yes (you must identify the location of the well spring or borehole on the plan you have provided)

Is the well spring or borehole you have identified used to supply water?

Yes

If yes, you must describe what the water supply is used for:

Borehole is for domestic water supply. Full details here: <https://api.bgs.ac.uk/sobi-scans/v1/borehole/scans/items/21296275>

Borehole is located at: ///homework.shipwreck.paddlers

Is any part of your infiltration system within 10 metres of a watercourse?

No

Your site plan

Please upload your plan here

- File: Dorthy septic tank.pdf - [Download](#)

Your management system

Your permit requires you (as the operator) to ensure that you manage and operate your activities in accordance with a written management system. This management systems identifies and reduces the risk of pollution.

You can find guidance on management systems and what to include in one on our website (opens in new window).

I confirm that I have read the guidance and that my management system will meet NRW requirements

When will you want to discharge?

What date do you want the permit for this effluent to start?

You cannot discharge your effluent prior to this start date on your permit. This is the date that your annual subsistence charges will start, even if you have not started to discharge.

* 31/07/2026

Will the discharge take place all year?

For seasonal discharges which only occur for part of the year, tells us when the discharge will take place.

Yes

How do you want to pay?

Who can we talk to you about your billing or invoice?

Same as application contact

How do you want to pay for your application fee?

Credit or debit card

How we collect your personal data

We will process the information provided by you in line with the Data Protection legislation. For more information on how we manage, store and use your data, see our Privacy Notice (opens in new tab)

I have read and understood this information

Freedom of Information

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, anybody may request information from a public authority. The Act grants two statutory rights: to be told if the public authority holds that information; and if so, to have that information communicated to you.

Find out how to request information under the Freedom of Information Act ([opens in new tab](#)).

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Confidentiality and National Security

We will normally put all the information in your application on a public register of environmental information. However, we may not include certain information in the public register if this is in the interests of national security, or because the information is confidential. Confidential information is information that is commercially or industrially confidential in relation to any person and is unlikely to be applicable for small-scale sewage discharges.

You can ask for information in the public register to be made confidential or withheld in the interests of national security by answering the question below and provide information on the next page giving your reasons. If we agree with your request, we will tell you and not include the information in the public register. If we do not agree with your request, we will let you know how to appeal against our decision, or you can withdraw your application.

Do you believe that for reasons of confidentiality or national security your details should not be included on the public register?

No

Declaration

A relevant person should make the declaration. You must be a relevant person or have the authority of a relevant person to sign this application on their behalf. An agent acting on behalf of an applicant is NOT a relevant person.

Each individual (or individual trustee) who is applying for their name to appear on the permit must complete this declaration. You can send a separate document with the relevant information if there are not enough spaces to sign below.

Relevant people means each applicant, and in the case of a company, a director, manager, company secretary or any similar officer or employee listed on current appointments in Companies House. In the case of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), it includes any partner. If the permit holder is an organisation of individuals, each individual (or individual trustee) must complete the declaration.

To simplify and speed up the application process, we recommend that the declaration is filled in by an officer of a company or one of the partners in a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).

If you wish a manager, employee or consultant etc. to sign the declaration on behalf of a relevant person, we will need written confirmation from a relevant person; that is, an officer of the company, a partner in the LLP or the individual, confirming that the person has the authority to fill in the declaration.

If you are joint permit holders, you should each fill in your own declaration. We have provided extra spaces for this below. Please upload a separate sheet with your application if you need more room for signatories.

Where the operator is the subject of any insolvency procedure, the declaration must be filled in by the official receiver/appointed insolvency practitioner.

I have included written confirmation from a relevant person to confirm I can sign on their behalf

Upload written confirmation here

- File: Julia Hutchinson Signature.jpeg - [Download](#)

If you knowingly or recklessly make a statement which is false or misleading to help you get an environmental permit (for yourself or another person), you are committing an offence under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

I declare that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application may be refused or approval withdrawn if I give false or incomplete information.

I understand that if I knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading statement: I may be prosecuted; and if convicted, I may have to pay a fine and/or go to prison.

By signing below, you are confirming that you understand and agree with the declaration above.

Title	Mr
First name	Thomas
Last name	Hutchinson
On behalf of (if applicable)	-
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	01/08/2026

If additional signatories are required, please complete the sections below.

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Title	Mr
First name	Thomas
Last name	Hutchinson
On behalf of (if applicable)	Julia Hutchinson
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	01/08/2026

Submit your application

Enter the email address you'd like a copy of your application sent to:

tcjoh@gmx.com