

WWSL Indicative Bulk Charges for NAVs Scheme 2026-27

Wessex Water

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Version history

Version number	Version name	Publication date
1.0	Indicative charges 2026-27	27/11/2025

About this document

This charges scheme sets out Wessex Water Services Limited's indicative charges for New Appointments and Variations (NAVs). It relates to bulk supply and discharge agreements between incumbents and NAVs, not between incumbents.

This document forms one of a number of documents that we publish with regard to Bulk Charges for NAVs, as summarised in Figure 1: Charges publication documents:

Figure 1: Charges publication documents

<u>Wholesale charges</u>	<u>Household charges</u>	<u>Bulk charges for NAVs</u>	<u>New connection services charges</u>
Wholesale charges scheme	Household charges scheme	Bulk charges for NAVs scheme	New connection services charges scheme
Wholesale charges Board assurance statement	Household charges scheme Board assurance statement	Bulk charges for NAVs Board assurance statement	New connection services charges Board assurance statement
Wholesale charges Statement of Significant Change	Household charges statement of significant changes	Bulk charges for NAVs method statement	New connection services Statement of Significant Change
		Bulk charges for NAVs calculator	New connection services charges calculator
			New connection services charges worked examples

We are committed to being fully transparent in the process of setting our charges. This publication ensures that we are providing full and early visibility of the wholesale starting point and avoided cost component of bulk charges, based on the latest information available to us. However, these are indicative charges only and remain subject to change. In particular, the wholesale starting point is consistent with our indicative wholesale charges publication which does not take account of the Competition Market Authority's (CMA's) ongoing review of our PR24 settlement. The outcome of the CMA's review – if published in sufficient time – would likely affect our wholesale charges and therefore the bulk charges for 2026-27.

Our full set of bulk charges for NAVs documents, reflecting final charges for 2026-27, will be published by 1 February 2026. This includes our bulk charges method statement, which provides more detail on the approach to setting charges alongside details on the application of charges. We also intend to incorporate the additional informational requirements that are set out in Ofwat's [Common Terms and Worked Examples for Bulk Charges](#) (CTWEBC) draft document, in preparation for the CTWEBC coming into effect in full on or after 1 April 2027¹.

All documents will be published on our website².

¹ Ofwat has stated that the draft CTWEBC will be advisory for the 2026-27 charging year, pending further revisions as part of an industry working group.

² <https://corporate.wessexwater.co.uk/our-performance/our-charges>

Timeline and next steps

An indicative timetable for the next steps in our charges-setting process for 2026-27 is below.

Publication date	Document publication
27/11/2025	Indicative Bulk Charges for NAVs scheme 2026-27
	Indicative Bulk Charges for NAVs Calculator 2026-27
By 13/01/2026	Wholesale Charges Scheme 2026-27
By 01/02/2026	Bulk Charges for NAVs Scheme 2026-27
	Bulk Charges for NAVs Method Statement 2026-27
	Bulk Charges for NAVs Board Assurance Statement 2026-27
	Bulk Charges for NAVs Calculator 2026-27

Some of these dates may be affected by the CMA's ongoing PR24 review.

Contact details

To request a copy of this or any of the bulk charges for NAVs documents, please contact us using the details below:

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Schedule

Household wholesale charges - to inform wholesale starting point

Water

Description	Unit	Charge
Meter Charge*	£ per annum	5
Volume Charge	£ per m ³	2.8864

Wastewater

Description	Unit	Foul	SWD**	HWD
Drainage Charge*	£ per annum		28	26
Volume Charge	£ per m ³	2.7876		

*For the purposes of simplicity when charging we make the assumption that all meters are the size of a standard meter of <25mm.

**Only payable where the property is connected for Surface Water Drainage

Non-household wholesale charges - to inform wholesale starting point

Water

Description	Unit	Charge
Meter Charge*	£ per annum	5
Volume Charge	£ per m ³	2.9342

Wastewater

Description	Unit	Foul	SWD**	HWD
Drainage Charge*	£ per annum		28	26
Volume Charge	£ per m ³	2.8354		

*For the purposes of simplicity when charging we make the assumption that all meters are the size of a standard meter of <25mm.

**Only payable where the property is connected for Surface Water Drainage

Trade Effluent

Description	Unit	Charge
Measured Service Charge 0-24.999 thousand metres cubed per annum	£/annum	386
R (reception & conveyance) ≤80 MI of total waste discharge	£/m ³	1.1741
V (primary treatment) charge	£/m ³	0.4828
B (secondary treatment charge) ≤80MI of total waste discharge - stated in standard strength of 802mg per litre	£/m ³	0.6937
S (sludge treatment and disposal charge) - stated in standard strength of 313 mg per litre	£/m ³	0.3607

Bulk meter charges - to inform wholesale starting point

Description	Unit	Charge
Bulk meter charge	£ per meter	58

Summary of avoided costs

Avoided cost	Unit	Water	Wastewater		
			Sewerage	SWD	HWD
Main pipes, wastewater sewers, communication pipes & meters					
Avoided direct operational costs	£ per property	15.40	3.14	1.56	1.47
Avoided direct capital maintenance costs	£ per property	20.31	3.58	1.63	1.54
Allowed return	£ per property	4.68	0.31	0.15	0.14
Total avoided cost	£ per property	40.39	7.03	3.34	3.15
Pumping Stations					
Avoided direct operational costs	£ per kW	238.93	304.84		
Avoided direct capital maintenance costs	£ per kW	11.29	153.43		
Allowed return	£ per kW	26.74	229.77		
Total avoided cost	£ per kW	276.96	688.04		

Note: allowed return includes working capital adjustment

In addition, an on-site leakage allowance of 5.5% is applied to the bulk tariff as a percentage reduction in volumetric wholesale charges.

Glossary

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Allowed return	An additional avoided cost element, based on routine capital maintenance of non-infrastructure assets on a site (meters, communication pipes, pumping stations). Also includes working capital adjustment.
Bulk charges	The charges for bulk services, i.e. bulk supplies and bulk discharges.
Bulk discharge agreement	A contract setting out the terms and conditions for bulk discharges.
Bulk supply agreement	A contract setting out the terms and conditions for bulk supply.
CTWEBC	Common Terms and Worked Examples – Bulk Charges
Direct capital maintenance costs	Expenditure on activities such as asset replacement and asset renewals required to maintain the network.
Direct operating costs	Expenditure avoided in the operating and monitoring of assets. These include but are not limited to labour costs, power, materials and consumables.
Highway Drainage (HWD)	Rainwater that drains from roads and footpaths and flows into drainage systems.
New Appointment and Variation (NAV)	A water company that (either directly or indirectly) has replaced, or will replace, one or more incumbent water companies in relation to specific sites and for whom we do not currently set individual price controls. Although a NAV can operate its own treatment facilities, a NAV normally obtains a bulk supply of water from, and/or agrees a bulk discharge of wastewater to, an incumbent water company.
Surface Water Drainage (SWD)	Rainwater that drains from roofs of buildings and yards and other hard standing areas appurtenant to buildings into drainage systems.
Trade effluent	Wastewater produced on a trade premises.

Map of the Wessex Water region

We provide fresh, high quality water services to around 1.4 million customers and sewerage services to 2.9 million customers living in the south west of England. Once they are finished with their water, we then take it away, clean and treat it before distributing it back into the environment.

Figure 2 presents a map of our supply and wastewater regions.

Figure 2: Map of the Wessex Water region

