

# Apply for a water extraction licence in Darwin Rural Water Control District (71M)

Form 60:71M:r14A

This form applies only to applications for groundwater extraction licences in the Darwin Rural Water Control District, where existing water take was previously exempt from licensing requirements, as prescribed in Regulation 14A.

The opportunity to apply for a licence using this form will expire on **31 July 2025** in accordance with regulation 14A(1)(e).

## Instructions

Should you have any queries, email [water.licensing@nt.gov.au](mailto:water.licensing@nt.gov.au) or phone (08) 8999 4455.

To ensure efficient assessment and processing of this application:

1. Provide a response to all required questions.
2. Where an attachment is required, provide the complete file name for the attachment in the file name field in this form. If included as part of a larger document, please specify the relevant pages in that document in this form.
3. Review the completed application form and supporting documents to ensure that they are concise, complete, relevant and accurate.

## Where and how to submit this form

Email your completed application to [water.licensing@nt.gov.au](mailto:water.licensing@nt.gov.au)

## Meaning of icons in this form



Important information to assist you with completing this form.



Indicates an instruction for completing this form.



Indicates a document or supporting evidence to be provided with this form.



Indicates a definition available in footnotes.

## Collection notice and privacy

The details you provide in this application may be published on the Northern Territory water extraction licence website. If you have any questions about how your personal information will be handled or would like to gain access to your personal information, you can contact Water Resources Division within the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security. The Northern Territory Government complies with the [Information Privacy Principles](#) scheduled by the *Information Act 2002* (). For more information, read our [privacy policy](#) (.

## Applicant's responsibilities

If your application has insufficient information to enable a proper decision to be made, the department may return the application for completion. Please use the checklists provided to ensure all requirements are met and your application is complete.

Only complete applications with sufficient information to enable a proper decision will be accepted and subsequently processed.

You must supply the listed evidence (📄) in support of your application.

## Eligibility

- ❗ This application may only be used where the following criteria apply. If you are unable to answer yes to all of the below questions you cannot use this application form.

Please contact Water Regulation on 8999 4455 if you want to discuss your requirements.

1. Are you eligible to apply for a groundwater licence for an exempt activity?		
📝 Tick (✓) the appropriate answer		
The proposed licence will be in the Darwin Rural Water Control District (📄).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Between 7 July 2015 and 6 July 2016 you were engaged in a commercial undertaking (📄) reliant on groundwater on the land from which you propose to take water.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Between 7 July 2015 and 6 July 2016 you routinely (📄) took water from a bore on the land where the commercial undertaking is operating.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Between 6 July 2016 and making this application you continued to engage in the <u>same</u> commercial undertaking (📄) reliant on groundwater from the land operating from.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Between 6 July 2016 and making this application you routinely took water from a bore on the land where the commercial undertaking is operating.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

📄 **Darwin Rural Water Control District** means the part of the Territory declared by the Minister under section 22 of the Act on 17 May 1999 and published in *Gazette* No. 21 of 2 June 1999. More information is available at <https://nt.gov.au/environment/water/water-resources-of-the-nt/water-control-districts>


📄 A **commercial undertaking** refers to any business or enterprise conducted for the purpose of making a profit. Commercial undertaking can be carried out by individuals, partnerships or corporations.

📄 **Routinely** refers to the regular taking of water from a bore as part of the operation of the commercial undertaking, in a predictable manner. An example of routinely taking water could include the yearly activity of watering crops consistently during the dry season, even if you didn't water during the wet season.

## Part 1 - About the applicant


### 2. Who is the applicant for this licence?

 The applicant's name will appear as the licence holder on the licence.

 Provide details of the person or legal entity that the water extraction licence is for. If the licence is for a joint application, please provide details for all applicants.

<b>Applicant name</b>	
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### 3. Is the applicant an individual, joint applicant or corporation?

 Tick (✓) the appropriate answer.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Joint</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Corporation</b>
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### 4. Who are your contacts for this application?

 Provide details of your primary and secondary contacts

	Primary contact	Secondary contact
<b>Full name</b>		
<b>Postal address</b>		
<b>Contact number</b>		
<b>Email address</b>  correspondence will be sent to this email		

## Part 2 - Property information

### 5. What is the physical address of the property on which the commercial undertaking occurs?

 This information will be used to support your application by confirming the location of the property is within the Darwin Rural Water Control District.



Provide details of the physical location of the property where the commercial undertaking is operating and where the water take will occur.

Do not include the registered address of a business or corporation unless it is also the physical address.

<b>Street address</b> (number/name/suburb)			
<b>Parcel number</b>		<b>Location/Hundred</b>	



 Provide a map of the property that clearly identifies:

- property (nearby streets and/or significant landmarks)
- any domestic dwelling(s)
- area used for the commercial undertaking
- existing bores (including bore registration number, where possible)

### 6. Which of the following is the most accurate description of your right to access the land described above?




Tick (✓) the appropriate answer, attach evidence as described.


I am the:	Tick (✓)	 Evidence required
Land owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of your land title
Authorised land occupier (  )	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of your authorisation Copy of written approval and term of approval
Other, provide details	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting documentation

 **Authorised land occupier** may include a tenant, lessee or sub-lessee

## Part 3 - Questions about the commercial undertaking requiring groundwater

### 7. What is the registered status of your commercial undertaking?

 This information will be used to confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria about taking groundwater for a commercial undertaking. You must supply at least one of the listed attachments in support of your application.

 Tick (✓) the appropriate answer

Registered Business

Corporation

ABN: \_\_\_\_\_


ACN: \_\_\_\_\_


 Attach a current Business Names Extract

 Attach a current ASIC Company Extract

Not a registered business or corporation?  Provide information to support your claim that your activity is a commercial undertaking

### 8. What type of commercial undertaking currently occurs on the land?

 Provide details of the business or activities that are carried out as part of the commercial undertaking. This may include: brief description of the business, estimates of the area of land used commercially, crops types, number of people employed and estimated annual water use. If the commercial undertaking has developed over time, please include details for when each stage of the development commenced. If you are unsure of an exact date, please include an approximate date.

 Provide evidence of the commercial undertaking occurring. Examples include:

- photos of land use
- crop details for each year
- installation or operation of infrastructure

### 9. Has the commercial undertaking changed since 2016?



Tick (✓) the appropriate answer

No, the commercial undertaking has not changed since 2016.

Yes, the commercial undertaking has changed



Describe in detail how the commercial undertaking has changed. Examples: changes in business operations, increased production, adjustments to planting and watering schedules, or infrastructure developments.

Attach photos, or imagery of the land that shows the commercial undertaking before 6 July 2016.

If imagery is not available, please provide evidence to support the statements made above. This may include: business details and business plan from 2016 to now, details of the installation and operation of infrastructure used in the commercial operation.

## Part 4 - Questions about groundwater use for the commercial undertaking

### 10. How much water is required each year for the above commercial undertaking?






Provide an amount of water in either kilolitres or megalitres ( ) that is proposed to be used each year.

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Measurements to describe a **volume of water** normally include Kilolitres (KL) and megalitres (ML). A kilolitre is equal to 1000 litres and a megalitre is equal to 1 million litres. For further information on water volumes refer to <https://depws.nt.gov.au/?a=589477>

### 11. What bore(s) was the water routinely taken from for the commercial undertaking?

 This information will be used to confirm the water resource listed on a water licence and the bore () that water may be taken from.


 Provide details of all bores that water was taken from, include the Registered Number (RN) of the bore. If the bore does not have a RN please provide GPS coordinates of the bore.

 Attach a copy of the bore report or a map or location plan drawn to scale that shows:

- Property boundary with a North point geographic indicator
- The location of bores used to take water, including GPS coordinates

## Part 5 - Acknowledgement



### 12. Public register

 In accordance with section 95 of the Act, the Controller of Water Resources must keep a register of water extraction licences. The register must be publicly available on the department's website and must include, the:


- name and address of the licence holder
- date on which the licence is due to expire
- location of the property from which the water is currently taken
- maximum quantity of water that may be taken annually
- source of the water that may be taken.


The Controller of Water Resources will also make a copy of this application, any attachments to the application and any licence granted, publicly available on the department's website.

I acknowledge that the information described above will be freely available from the department's website.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 The Controller of Water Resources has the power to suppress information if satisfied there are grounds of commercial confidentiality. You may apply to have commercially confidential information withheld by using the appropriate approved application form () available on the department's website.

I have completed and attached an application to have commercially confidential information withheld.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 All **bores** in the Northern Territory must be registered with Water Resources. Information about bores is available online at [www.nrmaps.nt.gov.au/knowyourbore.html](http://www.nrmaps.nt.gov.au/knowyourbore.html).

 Application to withhold commercially confidential information available at <https://nt.gov.au/?a=705622>

### 13. Consent

Do you consent to receive all ongoing service of documents associated with this application and any future licence via the email address, as provided above?

Yes

No

### 14. Declaration

**i** A person with legal authority must sign the declaration. For a licence to be granted in the name of each person in a partnership or a joint interest, each partner or joint interest must sign the declaration.

I hereby declare that the information provided in this notification and accompanying document is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
<b>Name (print)</b>		
<b>Position</b>		
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		



## Applicant checklist

- i** Confirm you have completed the application form and included the associated evidence as attachments

Indicate the number of pages attached to this application

### Part 1 - Applicant details

**Question 3: Contact details**

### Part 2 - Property Information

**Question 5: Property location**

- a detailed property map

**Question 6: Legal access to land**

- a copy of your land title showing you as the owner of the land; or
- a copy of a lease or the land owner's written agreement granting access to the property. A lease contract or agreement or must include:
  - permission to be on the land
  - permission to undertake the activities associated with the licence

### Part 3 - Commercial undertaking

**Question 7: Registered status**

- ABN Business Name Extract; or
- ASIC Company Extract; an extract must include the company office holders; or
- If not registered, information to support your claim that your activity is a commercial undertaking

**Question 8: Evidence of commercial undertaking**

- Photos or imagery of the land showing activity that is dependent on taking groundwater, including prior to 2016
- Other relevant supporting evidence that demonstrates commercial undertaking.

**Question 9: Evidence of current commercial undertaking**

- Photos or imagery of development (since 2016)

### Part 4 Groundwater use

**Question 11: Bores used**

- Statement of Bores or detailed maps with GPS coordinates