

Water Abstraction

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Standard Review of Charges (SRoC) Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR)

- SRoC
 - Fees and charges reviewed
 - Changes implemented from April 2022
 - Application fees have increased
Fee based on volume, location and consumptiveness
 - Subsistence fees
 - 45% will see annual charges decrease
 - 55% will see annual charges increase
 - 75% will see an increase/decrease of less than £100
 - Letter with this years bill to explain (bills will be sent around June)
- EPR
 - Brings abstraction into same regulations as discharges and waste
 - Implementation from April 2023
 - More info to follow over next 12 months
 - Brings Environmental licencing into one piece of legislation = simpler application processes

Update on Abstraction Licencing Strategy



- Currently being updated
- Aiming for end of Q2 for publication – but subject to delays
- Will likely mean some changes to how water is managed in the catchment, but no decisions or conclusions made yet
- Current ALS:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ribble-douglas-and-crossens-bstraction-licensing-strategy>

Other sources of water - Have you considered?

Rain water harvesting:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rainwater-harvesting-regulatory-position-statement/rainwater-harvesting-regulatory-position-statement>

Winter storage

- Abstract and store water in the winter for use next summer
- Will need a licence – speak to EA and we can help
- Means you can irrigate from reservoir even when water courses are low

Water trading

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whole, permanent – the whole of the trader's abstraction right is transferred to the recipient on a permanent basis

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Speak to the EA if interested

Using someone else's licence informally?