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Further to your enquiry I email to confirm that all water and sewerage companies would be eligible to apply for a Water Supply and/or Sewerage Licence (WSSL) – so all monopoly companies, all current Water Supply Licence holders (WSSLs will replace this regime in April 2017 but this is still the active regime until then) and all NAV (new appointment to variation) holders.

The list of current suppliers can be found on our [web site](#)

Additionally, applications may be received from anyone else interested.

The application window opened on 5th April. Guidance for applicants can be found at the links below and all applicants should read our guidance and complete the application form and provide the additional requested documents.

Application form: <http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/water-supply-licence-andor-sewerage-licence-application-form/>

Guidance document: <http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/application-process-water-sewerage-licences-retail-market-opening-non-household-customers-guidance/>

Our application process should take no longer than 60 working days to complete (although there may be some exceptions to this).

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We aim to confirm whether an application is complete (including receipt of payment) within 5 working days. This is followed by a 20 working day consultation on a notice of application, followed by 40 working day detailed assessment (which includes the sign off procedure).

Ofwat also sends the application to the Drinking Water Inspectorate, Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales (as appropriate to the application made), for them to undertake a technical competencies assessment. Assuming we are recommending a licence that has been granted and this is signed off, we place the new licenses on our website so those interested can see who has a licence.

If you require any further information please contact [REDACTED] 0121 644 7725 option 6 which is the licence applications line.

Yours sincerely

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