

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE AN APPLICATION FORM IS SUBMITTED**

### **Interested parties are informed that, inter alia, permits for drilling are NOT issued:**

- a) for the purpose of irrigating uncultivated land parcels. This excludes professional farmers in the case of an application for the irrigation of seasonal crops only.
- b) for land parcels maintaining permanent crops since 2008; or
- c) for land parcels adjacent to water supply boreholes.

Click [HERE](#) to find out if your land parcel is in a water supply borehole protection zone.

If your land parcel is in a protection zone for water supply boreholes, please contact the Water Supply Licensing and Inspection Service.

Nicosia District: Tel. 22609181

Limassol District: Tel. 25802702

Larnaca District: Tel. 24816837

Paphos District: Tel. 26802800

Famagusta District: Tel. 24824710

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Approximate time required to examine applications:** 1-3 months

#### **Workflow:**

1. Duly completed application form signed and submitted by the owner and/or co-owners of the parcel (office hours for accepting payments and applications: 08:00 - 15.00 hours).
2. Fee of EUR 100 paid (in cash or by cheque) to the Director of the Water Development Department.
3. Receipt issued.
4. File generated (application reference number).
5. Application sent to the local authority or Irrigation Department for comments on the application to drill a borehole (the Water Development Department is not bound by the above comments when making its decision).  
Deadline for comments: 30 calendar days.
6. Where groundwater is used for professional/commercial purposes, Form 7 (Environmental Impact Assessment) must be completed before an application for a Groundwater Work Permit is submitted. Deadline for comments: 30 calendar days.
7. Application examined and decision adopted by the Director of the Water Development Department.
8. If the application for a Groundwater Work Permit is approved, the applicant is advised by post. The following are enclosed with the letter:
  - a) Groundwater Work Permit
  - a) List of licensed drilling rig operators.
  - b) 'Groundwater Work Completion Certificate' form.

N.B. The holder of the Groundwater Work Permit must complete and sign the certificate and return it to the Water Development Department within 21 days of the date on which the borehole is drilled.

9. If the application for a Groundwater Work Permit is refused, the applicant can submit a written complaint to the Minister for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment within 30 days of receipt of the refusal.

Notes:

- A Groundwater Work Permit is valid for 1 year from its date of issue.
- Where work is not completed within 1 year, the permit may be renewed by submitting a new application and paying the EUR 100 fee.
- The Groundwater Work Permit holder must apply for a Groundwater Abstraction Permit within 2 years of expiry of the Groundwater Work Permit; otherwise, the Director of the Water Development Department may request that the shaft be filled, sealed or destroyed.