

# Our promise to you

We aim to deliver the highest customer service standards. Our experienced teams of advisors are ready to help with any queries and aim to sort them out as quickly as possible. They will always ensure you are kept up to date with the progress of your query.

We follow the water industry guaranteed standards scheme which sets out what we must do by law for you. But be sure we'll always do more where we can.

## **Contacting us**

Our offices are open from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, except bank holidays.

You can contact us by:





# Our service standards - what we promise to do

#### Service standards for telephone, email or written correspondence

- An experienced member of our team will answer your call and do their best to sort out your query immediately.
- If you email us we'll confirm it's arrived.
- Whether you call or email we'll give you a reference number for your query to make tracking easier.
- If we can't sort out your query immediately, a member of our team will manage it and aim to sort it out within the timescales set in the service standards below.
- If your query needs a response from a wholesaler, we'll keep track of it for you to make sure you receive a reply within the wholesaler's published service standards.

#### Service standards for wholesaler services

In some cases your local wholesaler needs to help you out too. We can arrange this for you. We'll instruct the wholesaler within ten working days of receiving your request. We'll track the progress and keep you fully informed.

#### These wholesaler services typically include:

- Installing a new water meter.
- · Changing the location of a water meter.
- Altering the size of a water meter.
- Repairing or replacing a faulty or damaged water meter.
- Responding to queries on the level of consumption.
- Responding to a leakage claim.
- Conducting a meter accuracy test.
- Completing a meter supply verification.
- If your query needs a response from a wholesaler, we'll keep track
  of it for you to make sure you receive a reply within the wholesaler's
  published service standards.





### **Guaranteed service standard**

We follow the water industry's guaranteed standards of service (GSS) which set out what water wholesalers and retailers must do for you by law. If we or the wholesaler fail to meet these standards you may be entitled to a compensation payment, as shown in the table below:

Guaranteed standards scheme regulation	Payment for breach of GSS	Late Penalty Payment	
Guaranteed service standards — applicable to the wholesaler and the retailer			
Provide morning or afternoon appointments, or a 2 hour time period if requested by the customer	£20	£10	
Attend appointments with the customer within the agreed appointment time	£20	£10	
Provide a substantive response to a written complaint within 10 business days	£20	£10	
Provide 48 hours' notice of interruptions of more than 4 hours to the water supply	£20	£50	

Guaranteed standards scheme regulation	Payment for breach of GSS	Late Penalty Payment		
Guaranteed service standards – applicable to the wholesaler only				
Water supply to be restored within the period notified or within 48 hours if not due to an emergency	£50	£50		
Additional payment for each 24 hours supply not restored	£25			
Water pressure to be maintained at a minimum pressure of 7 metre static head. Failure of this standard occurs where pressure falls below the minimum standard on 2 occasions for 1 hour or more in a 28 day period	£25	£-		
Effluent from a sewer must not enter a customer's building	Payment equal to annual sewerage charge (min £150- max £1000)	£50		
Effluent from a sewer must not enter a customer's land or property	Payment equal to 50% of annual sewerage charge (min £75-max £500)	£50		

Guaranteed service standards – applicable to the retailer only			
Provide a substantive response to written queries within 10 business days or 5 business days if the request is to change payment arrangements which cannot be accommodated	£20	£10	