

Wholesale Schedule of Charges 2026 to 2027



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Introduction

Portsmouth Water's powers to charge for water supplies are contained in the Water Industry Acts. Charges are set in accordance with revenue control limits determined by Ofwat. To comply with Condition E of our licence to operate, charges must not show undue preference to, or discriminate against, any class of person.

Under the terms laid down by Section 143 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and Ofwat's 2024 Price Review, incumbent regional monopoly water supply wholesalers are required to publish separate charges for the wholesale and retail activities of their business.

This publication describes our wholesale charging policy and charges, and is principally applicable to retailers of water. It is focused on non-household charges given the competitive market for non-household water and sewerage retail services which commenced on 1 April 2017.

For household customers, who are not eligible to take part in the market, our charging policy and charges for end-users (customers of Portsmouth Water's incumbent retailer) are described in our publication Household - Scheme of Charges published on the Company's website.

Wholesale charges are published on our website annually, normally in January each year. Tariffs and charges will take effect on 1 April.

Non-household competition

The competitive market for non-household water and sewerage retail services commenced on 1 April 2017.

Under the arrangements that have been implemented from 1 April 2017 the retail element of the service is open to competition.

This means that eligible non-household customers are able to choose their retailer. Further information for non-household customers can be found at www.open-water.org.uk

The physical supply and distribution of water to end users will, for the time being, remain a regional monopoly service where the standard of service and prices remain regulated by Ofwat.

As such the provision of Business Terms and codes of practice for the separate wholesale and retail services within the water supply industry will continue to evolve, even now the market has opened.

The Company reserve the right to amend the policies within this publication with reference to MOSL's most current publications.

Introduction

Our primary communication mode is via SWIM-Pool, a web portal designed for bilateral communication between Portsmouth Water and retailers. Retailers will be required to register to the portal as part of the Wholesale - Retail Contract.

Definitions

Full information in relation to Non-household competition, including policy documents, the Wholesale - Retail Code and Business Terms can be found on the MOSL website: www.mosl.co.uk

Business Terms

The Business Terms applied to the relevant charges set out in this Schedule of Charges shall be those set out in Part 2 of the Wholesale - Retail Code.

Eligibility Criteria

The definition of a customer eligible to switch supplier will be as laid down in Ofwat's document 'Eligibility guidance on whether business customers in England and Wales are eligible to switch their retailer', July 2022, a copy of which can be found at www.ofwat.gov.uk.

MOSL

MOSL are the market operator for the competitive retail market. Their role is to maintain records that allow customers to switch between retailers and determine financial settlement between wholesalers and retailers.

Non-primary Charges

Charges that relate to the provision of one-off or discrete services performed pursuant to the Operational Terms.

Normal Working Hours

Means 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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See WSRA below

Price Review

The process of setting appointed water companies' revenue limits. Wholesale revenues are normally set every five years. The 2024 price review set wholesale prices and revenues for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030.

Primary Charges

Charges which relate to the supply of water on an enduring or temporary basis.

Introduction

Rateable Value

Means the 'value' assigned a property by the local government Valuation Office which was effective on 31 March 1990.

Retail Licensee

Holder of a retail licence, including licensed retailers who are associates of regional monopoly wholesalers and who are able to operate outside their geographical area.

Retailer

Provider of retail service to the end customer, dealing with all customer services as outlined within the Ofwat pricing methodology statement including billing, payment handling, customer calls and meter reading. A retailer may be an incumbent retailer or a retail licensee.

Settlement Process

The process of setting and calculating the Primary Charge in respect of each supply point.

WSSL (Water Supply and Sewerage Licence)

A water supply and sewerage licence allows entry into the competitive supply market for the purpose of providing retail services.

Water Supply Wholesaler

Incumbent regional monopoly water company providing physical water services. This includes the supply of water services, meter ownership, installation, maintenance and replacement, physical disconnections and reconnections.

Wholesale Activities

The abstraction of raw water, transmission of raw water, water treatment, storage and distribution to end users plus ancillary services.

The Wholesaler

The wholesale division of Portsmouth Water, the organisation levying the charges described in this document.

Wholesale Charges

Charges paid to a water supply wholesaler by a retail licensee for the supply of water. This is defined by the Wholesale - Retail Code.

Wholesale Retail Contract

A contract between the retailer and the Company on terms and conditions the services the wholesaler will provide to the retailer and the commercial terms on which they will be provided.

Introduction

Wholesale Tariff

The tariff offered by wholesalers to retailers.

Wholesale Tariff Structure

The structure and thresholds of wholesale tariffs offered by a wholesaler to retailers.

WSRA

Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat). The economic regulator of the water and sewerage industry in England and Wales.

Charging policies

Basis for calculating Primary Wholesale charges

The underlying principle used for deriving the Primary Wholesale Tariffs is that the wholesale tariff for each customer segment should be reflective of the average cost of providing wholesale water.

For the purposes of tariff setting wholesale activities are defined to cover the activities and overheads associated with: water resources and abstraction of water, raw water distribution, water treatment, treated water distribution and scientific services.

Basis for calculating Non-primary Wholesale Charges

Services which the wholesaler may charge for are determined in the Wholesale - Retail Code. Charges are established in relation to the average cost of supplying the service.

The activities are listed in our section Open Water Activities and the charges are shown in the tariff section of this document.

Where Non-primary charges reflect the cost of labour, an hourly rate is quoted. Charges will be based on the actual time spent doing the requested work.

Requirement for a Wholesale - Retail contract

Any Retail licensee wishing to provide Retail services within our area of supply is required to enter in to a Wholesale - Retail Contract. This will be the standard contract for Wholesale Services as set out in the Wholesale - Retail Code.

Application of Business Terms

For the avoidance of doubt, the Business Terms shall apply at all times in relation to transactions set out in this document and the Wholesale - Retail Code.

The Business Terms are designed to establish the rights and obligations of the parties to the Wholesale - Retail Contract and also cover a number of other matters of a contractual nature.

Payment terms for retailers

All Wholesale Charges for standard non-primary services will be billed upon completion of the operational works. Non-primary non-standard services will be based on a quote to be paid upon acceptance. All Primary Wholesale Charges will be based on the calculations in the Open Water central market settlement systems.

Credit support for retailers

Portsmouth Water is happy to consider options for Alternative Credit Arrangements as per the market code and will be willing to discuss this with retailers on a case by case basis.

Charging policies

Payment terms applied are those set out in the Wholesale - Retail Code Part 2: Business Terms and will vary dependent on whether retailers have selected a prepay (payment in advance) or a postpay (payment in arrears) option.

Retailers who have selected a postpay payment term will be required to provide and maintain credit support in accordance with the Business Terms.

The Company will make available to retailers the standard credit support options set out in the Business Terms.

The following options of credit (or combinations thereof) will be offered to the retailer provided that the required criteria are met:

- Cash security account
- Letter of credit
- Third party guarantee
- Surety bond
- Unsecured credit allowance
- Insurance

Alternative eligible credit support which complies with the requirements specified may be considered.

Such credit support options must be applied in the form set out in the Business Terms.

Methods of payment

For each monthly billing period the Wholesaler will invoice the retailer for Primary charges. Standard non-primary charges will be invoiced upon completion of the works. Invoices will be issued electronically unless otherwise agreed with the retailer. Payments are required to be made by electronic transfer to a UK bank account nominated by the Company.

Interest

If any sum payable under the wholesale contract is not paid at the expiry of the period for payment, the Wholesaler will claim interest on the amount outstanding (both before and after judgment or decree) at a rate in accordance with the Business Terms.

Such interest will be calculated from (but excluding) the date of expiry of such period until payment thereof, calculated on a daily basis and compounded annually.

Value Added Tax

All charges contained in this Charges Scheme are exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT).

Charging policies

VAT is payable for customers falling within Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes 1-5. The retailer will inform the Company of their Standard Industrial Classification.

All charges for ancillary services the Wholesaler provides will be subject to VAT at the appropriate rate.

Invoicing

Invoices for Primary charges will be raised in accordance with the published timetable, a copy of which is available to view on our web portal.

Measured charges

Where the occupier of a non-household property at which a meter has been installed is liable to pay water charges, measured charges will apply unless there is an agreement between the company and the retailer of that property to pay a different tariff.

As well as our standard tariff, the Company has an intermediate tariff, for annual consumption between 10,000 - 49,999m³ and a large user tariff for consumption over 50,000m³.

Retailers identifying a customer that qualifies for our intermediate or large user tariff, but who is not already on the tariff, should apply for this to be changed by starting a H1 process. No retrospective adjustments will be made.

Unmeasured charges

Where the occupier of a property is liable to pay water and a meter has not been installed at the property, unmeasured charges, set out in this charges scheme will apply.

Unmeasured charges will continue to apply until such time as either:

- a) The occupier of the non-household property chooses to have a meter installed. Unmeasured charges will continue to apply and be payable up to the date the meter is installed; or
- b) The Company determines that water is being used, or is to be used, for one or more of the non-domestic purposes which would entitle the Company to require the water supply to be metered under Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Again unmeasured charges will continue to apply and be payable up to the date the meter is installed.

Unoccupied properties

Where a retailer identifies a site that it believes is unoccupied but is currently being charged, or is occupied but currently not charged they should advise the Company through market transactions.

Charging policies

The Company does not currently offer a vacancy incentive scheme.

Leakage

The non-household customer is liable for the cost of all water registered on the meter. No allowance is made in respect of leakage from customers' pipework except for mixed use premises.

Non-household customers must discuss this issue with their retailer, who will progress with the Company as appropriate.

Water meter installation

Customers receiving an unmeasured water supply may wish to be charged for water supplied to their premises by meter. If their premises are served by a separate service pipe and the plumbing installations comply with Water Regulations, they may elect to have a meter installed, subject to the completion of certain formalities.

Where a shared supply exists the Company can quote to enable a separate supply and meter be fitted.

The meter will be positioned in the Company's preferred location at the property boundary, although consideration may be given to alternative locations provided that provision is made for unrestricted access to read the meter.

A meter, where installed, remains the property of the Company.

The Company will only allow installation of approved meters as per its meter menu, as published on our Wholesale Service Desk web portal, SWIM-Pool.

For a non-household premise, the retailer must pay the cost of installation of the meter and once the water charges have become measured charges, they will remain so irrespective of any change of use of the premises or of the purpose for which the water is used. Installation will be carried out in accordance with the Open Water SLA.

Compulsory Metering

In 2021 the whole of the Portsmouth Water supply area was designated by the Secretary of State as an area of serious water stress. In 2025 we commenced a programme to install smart meters to all properties we supply in line with our published 2024 Water Resources Management Plan.

Where a meter is fitted under our compulsory metering programme, or a meter is already installed at the property, the charges levied will be metered charges. Meters installed under the compulsory metering programme will be paid for by Portsmouth Water.

Charging policies

Firefighting

No water charges are levied for water used for firefighting, fire training or firefighting systems such as sprinklers, including the replenishment of storage tanks, hydrants and testing. The Company will usually install a separate connection to the water mains for these systems.

Charges for the provision and maintenance of fire hydrants are set out in our Non-primary Charges.

Gap sites

Where a retailer identifies a site that they believe is supplied with water services but is not currently being billed the relevant charges, they should advise the Company through the standard Open Water process, C3.

If the Retailer brings to our attention that a property exists within our area of supply that should be billed, we will make a single payment of £100.

We follow the Retailer Wholesaler Group guidance document for a Gap Site Incentive Scheme. Please refer to the guidance document, on MOSL's website, for terms and conditions, including eligibility criteria.

If we identify the supply the gap site is raised for is already in the non-household market we will apply a charge of £100.

Special Agreements

The Company does not have any special agreements in place.

Guaranteed Service Standards (GSS)

Please refer to the table on page 102 of 'Wholesale Contract Schedule 1, Part 2: Business Terms' for GSS payments amounts for non-household customers.

Replacement of lead service pipes

It is not the Company's policy to make a contribution towards lead service pipe replacement for non-household properties.

Damage to apparatus

Damage is charged back to the third party on a fully rechargeable basis.

Water (fittings) Regulations inspections

Periodic industrial inspections are carried out free of charge.

Charging policies

Logging of meters

The Company has a policy of installing loggers to record flow at some of its sites where consumption is generally high.

Where this is the case the Company is willing to provide full access to the data on a cost sharing basis. For more details contact the Wholesale Service Desk.

In principle the Company has no objection to third party logging of its revenue meters as long as the installation is undertaken by the Company where the meter seals and index are to be removed.

The Company requires the completion of a Third Party Logger Application Form which is available on our web portal.

You must adhere to our third party logging terms and conditions a copy of which can be found on our web portal, SWIM-Pool.

Accredited Entities

The Company will allow Accredited Entities to undertake some activities in accordance with the Wholesale - Retail Code Part 3 Operational Terms.

Portsmouth Water recognises the Water Industry Registration Scheme - Accredited Entity (WIRSAE). Please refer to our website for the scopes recognised. If requested by the retailer we will assist an Accredited Entity in carrying out their work. We charge for this activity on an hourly basis.

Appointments

We may offer appointments for our representative to visit the premises where the visit requires access in order to provide the requested service, or requires the presence of the non-household customer or their retailer.

Appointments will be made subject to availability, directly with the non-household customer where permission is given by the retailer, or via the retailer. We offer standard appointments during the following windows unless otherwise stated:

Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm

Monday to Friday, 12pm to 4pm

A 2 hour time slot can be requested where necessary.

Charging policies

Abortive Charges

We may apply an abortive charge of £90.00 in circumstances where we have unnecessarily incurred costs in relation to the delivery of a service requested by a retailer which is no longer required or is cancelled by the retailer.

The cost of any abortive permit notices or road closures will be charged at cost.

Flow and Pressure Tests

We may apply a charge of £90.00 per hour for any flow and/or pressure tests requested where the result shows our supply is above the Guaranteed Service Standard.

Meter Reading Services

Portsmouth Water do offer a non-household meter reading service through Temetra. Please contact our Wholesale Service Desk, (wholesaleservicedesk@portsmouthwater.co.uk), if you would like to receive information on costs.

Disconnections and Reconnections

The below table shows what activity constitutes a standard disconnection and the works we will carry out for a standard temporary disconnection and a standard permanent disconnection. During a temporary disconnection for non-payment our operative will spend up to one hour on site and allow your non-household customer to:

- Try to make contact with your non-household customer prior to carrying out any disconnection.
- Allow your non-household customer to contact you to make payment and wait on site whilst contact is made.
- Allow you to submit any cancellation requests to our Wholesale Service Desk.

For any works required other than those detailed within the table, a quotation will be provided before any works are carried out.

Charging policies

Standard temporary disconnection	Standard permanent disconnection
An operable outside stopcock is shut off	The meter is the only asset that requires removal
There are no access restrictions	There are no access restrictions
Street works are not required	No other utilities require diversion
Traffic management is not required	Work will be performed with basic signing, lighting, guarding and a street works permit
The only resource required to deliver the service is a technician	Traffic management is not required
The disconnection is carried out within normal working hours	The disconnection is carried out within normal working hours

Standard reconnection following temporary disconnection	Standard reconnection following permanent disconnection
An operable stopcock is turned on	A meter is the only asset that requires reinstalling
There are no access restrictions	There are no access restrictions
Street works are not required	No other utilities require diversion
Traffic management is not required	Works will be performed with basic signing, lighting, guarding and a street works permit
The only resource required to deliver the service is a technician	Traffic management is not required
The reconnection is carried out within normal working hours. (Emergency reconnections are available at a higher cost)	The reconnection is carried out within normal working hours. (Emergency reconnections are available at a higher cost)

If the work required falls outside of the activities in the table then the disconnection or reconnection will be non-standard.

Standpipe hire

Customers may occasionally need a supply of water outside our normal service. In this instance, a standpipe can be hired from Aquam Water Services Ltd.

Charging policies

Ordering a standpipe

Aquam Water Services Ltd processes all applications for hired standpipes for Portsmouth Water customers.

If you would like to hire a standpipe or enquire about prices please contact Aquam Water Services Ltd on 023 9269 5515, go to our website www.waterservices.org.uk or email portsmouthwater@aquamcorp.co.uk.

Only standpipes provided by Aquam Water Services Ltd can be used on our network. Using a standpipe without a licence is a criminal offence contrary to section 174(3) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

Prices

Weekly hire charges are shown in our Non-primary charges section.

Delivery

Once your request has been processed, Aquam Water Services Ltd can deliver anywhere in our region within one working day.

Alternatively, you can collect from your nearest available distribution point (contact Aquam Water Services Ltd for your nearest distribution point).

Please note

A standpipe should be attached to a washout hydrant (WO). These can be found at various points along our network. Please contact Aquam Water Services Ltd if you have any problems locating a washout hydrant.

Standpipes can be used for:

- Landscape gardening
- Construction
- Drain cleaning
- Organised events

Open water activities

Introduction

The following activities have been identified as activities we may raise a non-primary charge for. Circumstances under which a charge will be raised, and our non-primary charges, are listed on pages 20-23.

Meter installation on an existing service (Process B1)

Meter accuracy test (Process B3)

Repair or replacement of a faulty meter performed by the wholesaler (Process B5)

Retailer request to change size, model or location of meter (Process B7)

Verification of meter details or meter supply arrangements (Process C1)

Disconnection requested by the retailer and performed by the wholesaler in relation to non-household customer non-payment (Process I1)

Gaining entry to an eligible premises for the purposes of disconnection using the wholesaler's powers of entry at retailer request (Process I7)

Reconnection requested by the retailer and performed by the wholesaler (Process I8)

Reconnection performed by the wholesaler following a disconnection requested by the non-household customer (Process I11)

Visits by the wholesaler to eligible premises not covered by other processes (Process F3)

Reconnection performed by the wholesaler following rectification of a breach of Water Fittings Regulations (Process I10)

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Primary non-household tariffs (exclusive of VAT)

Unmetered water supplies (£/annum)	
Standing charge	£13.44
Rateable value charge (pence/£rv)	65.11
Licence charge	£154.82
Minimum charge	£101.34

Metered water supplies		
Less than 500 m³ per year	Volume charge £ per m ³	1.1786
	Site Fee (£ per annum)	n/a
500 - 10,000 m³ per year	Volume charge £ per m ³	1.1786
	Site Fee (£ per annum)	n/a
10,000 - 50,000 m³ per year	Volume charge £ per m ³	1.1599
	Site Fee (£ per annum)	£187.05
More than 50,000 m³ per year	Volume charge £ per m ³	1.0148
	Site Fee (£ per annum)	£8,187.93

Metered water supplies (£/annum)	
Size of meter or supply pipe internal diameter	
0 - 20mm	£15.00
21 - 25mm	£93.46
26 - 50mm	£229.92
51 - 100mm	£536.45
Bigger than 100mm	£3,124.89

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Non-primary charges

Standposts

Size	Weekly charge*	Six monthly prepaid	Annual prepaid	Consumption charge
25mm	£41.00	£623.00	£1,072.00	Based upon the usage of water at the standard volumetric rate
40mm	£67.00	£826.00	£1,447.00	

*Rental includes GPRS meter reading unit.

Meter installation on an existing service [\(Process B1\)](#)

We will initially undertake an external site survey to see if a meter can be installed to an external stopcock. If the meter can be installed without any additional work to the external stopcock our initial external survey and standard meter installation costs will apply. If the meter can be installed externally but work is required to the stopcock before a meter can be installed, the initial external survey costs will apply and a quote will be provided for the additional works.

If the meter cannot be installed to an external stopcock, we will arrange for GHP to undertake an internal survey and a quote for the meter installation will then be provided. If the external survey determines an internal survey is required, both the external survey and internal survey costs will apply.

Initial external survey to ascertain meter installation requirements	£90.00
Standard meter installation (25mm)	£229.00
Standard meter installation (40mm)	£353.00
Non-standard external meter installation	Based on quotation
Initial internal survey to ascertain meter installation requirements	£90.00
Internal meter installation	Based on quotation

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Meter accuracy test (Process B3)

We will initially undertake an in-situ meter accuracy test for which our standard rate will apply for meters up to 50mm.

If the meter is over 50mm the work becomes non-standard and a quote will be provided.

If you request us to undertake a meter accuracy test at an accredited test centre, the work becomes non-standard and a quote will be provided.

Standard meter accuracy test	£90.00
Non-standard meter accuracy test	Based on quotation

Repair or replacement of a faulty meter (Process B5)

If, upon initial investigation, the meter is confirmed to be in full working order and a repair or replacement is not required our standard abortive rate will apply.

Abortive rate	£90.00
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Retailer request to change size, model or location of meter (Process B7)

All work will be based on a quotation

Verification of meter details or supply arrangements (Process C1)

We will undertake a site visit and if the data item queried is proven to be correct and evidence is provided from the site visit our standard abortive rate will apply.

Abortive rate	£90.00
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Visits by the wholesaler to eligible premises (Process F3)

Any site visits a retailer requests us to undertake not covered by other processes listed on page 18.

Site visit	£90.00
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Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Disconnections (Part I)

Refer to the table on page 16 for a description of the activities undertaken and whether it is classified as standard or non-standard.

Standard temporary disconnection for non-payment during working hours	£90.00
Standard temporary disconnection for non-payment outside of working hours	£195.00
Survey to ascertain what works are required for a permanent disconnection	£90.00
Non-standard temporary disconnection during working hours	Based on quotation
Non-standard temporary disconnection outside of working hours	Based on quotation
Standard permanent disconnection	Based on quotation
Non-standard permanent disconnection	Based on quotation
Gaining entry to an eligible premises for the purposes of temporary disconnection	Based on quotation

Reconnections (Part I)

Refer to the table on page 16 for a description of the activities undertaken and whether it is classified as standard or non-standard.

Standard reconnection during working hours	£90.00
Standard reconnection outside of working hours	£195.00
Non-standard reconnection during working hours	Based on quotation
Non-standard reconnection outside of working hours	Based on quotation

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Standard Hydrant Maintenance Charges

Activity - Standard Activity	PW Cost
Repairs made without disturbance of the original surface (no excavation)	£400.00
Repair made following excavation of the original surface to frame depth level, including to replace cover and frame. Inclusive of permanent reinstatement (any surface category)	£541.00
Repair made following excavation of the original surface below frame depth level, including chamber/cover and frame renewal. Inclusive of permanent reinstatement (any surface category)	£741.00
Renew hydrant on existing water main including chamber/cover and frame renewal. Inclusive of permanent reinstatement (any surface category)	£1,455.00
Hydrant removal, including permanent reinstatement (any surface category)	£1,238.00
Installation of new fire hydrant including associate pipework, connection, valves, chamber/cover and frame, including permanent reinstatement (any surface category) on mains up to 150mm (6") diameter	£1,565.00
Installation of new hydrant on mains > 150mm (6")	Quote
Where issue is resolved during initial assessment visit.	£171.00
Post and plate work	£139.00

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Standard Hydrant Maintenance Charges

Additional Charges	
Traffic management (beyond 2 way lights)	At cost
Applicable Lane Rental charges	At cost
Out of hours working to avoid Lane rental charge or as directed by local authority	Uplift of standard activity rate by 100%

Schedule of wholesale tariffs and general charges

Primary household tariffs

Unmetered water supplies (£/annum)	
Standing charge	£13.43
Rateable value charge (pence/£rv)	65.11
Licence charge	£154.80
Minimum charge	£101.33
Social tariff	£94.00

Metered water supplies (Standing charges £/annum)	
Size of meter or supply pipe internal diameter	
15mm (0.5 inches)	£15.00
20mm (0.75 inches)	£15.00
25mm (1.00 inches)	£93.46
40mm (1.50 inches)	£204.71
50mm (2.00 inches)	£260.68
80mm (3.00 inches)	£385.76
100mm (4.00 inches)	£981.23
150mm (6.00 inches)	£2,187.06
Consumption charge (£ per m ³)	1.1783

Assessed meter charges (£/annum)	
Single occupier	£78.89
Other	£144.61
WaterSure	£135.40

Map of company area



