



Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

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PART 2

PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

Licensing of services to eligible premises

7 Granting of licences

- (1) The Commission may grant a water services licence or a sewerage services licence only if satisfied that the applicant has the ability to perform adequately the activities authorised by the licence.
- (2) In assessing an applicant's ability so to perform those activities, the Commission is to have special regard to the following factors (in so far as relevant in relation to the performance of those activities)—
 - (a) knowledge, expertise and experience; and
 - (b) financial acumen and business viability,and such other matters as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify.
- (3) The Commission may issue guidance (either generally or in a particular case or category of case) in relation to the things mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) A water services licence and a sewerage services licence—
 - (a) must be in writing; and
 - (b) unless revoked or suspended, continues in force for such period as may be specified in or determined by or under the licence.
- (5) As soon as practicable after refusing an application for a water services licence or a sewerage services licence, the Commission is to intimate the refusal to—
 - (a) the applicant; and
 - (b) Scottish Water.
- (6) As soon as practicable after granting a water services licence or a sewerage services licence, the Commission is to send a copy of the licence to—
 - (a) the person to whom it is granted; and

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the
Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 7. (See end of Document for details)*

(b) Scottish Water.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 7 in force at 7.9.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/445](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)
- I2** S. 7 in force at 8.1.2007 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/599](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

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